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It's the Congress, Stupid!

President Clinton took office ready to totally lift the ban against gays in the U.S. military. Despite consistent efforts on his part to persuade Congress to work with him to achieve this—or at least not to prevent it—his congressional opponents threatened to link legislation that would have perpetuated the ban to a major piece of legislation. The president could not have vetoed one without vetoing the other.

This, of course, would have represented a repeat performance of the technique that worked so successfully with the HIV immigration ban, which was linked with legislation that benefited the National Institutes of Health.

The president's announcement on July 19 represents a distinct improvement over past discrimination. Half a loaf is better than none, and the open dialogue in which our country has engaged for the past six months is itself a signal victory in the battle to raise American consciousness. We hope that the dialogue continues until a total ban against discrimination is effected both in law and in practice.

Bob Kane
President, Clinton/Gore Democratic Club
San Francisco

Plan B

On Monday, July 19, a few hundred queers massed for a protest of Clinton's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" compromise. The speakers were generally good, especially those who made clear they were grossed out by the military (June Jordan's "It's not just a job—it's a lousy job" is immortal).

The subsequent attack and siege of the Federal Building, however, fell flat. Did no one think that the police, in their clever new perversity, might just open the doors and let us in? Some of us milled about, some walked around and back in, and most went home, with the closing scene of ten queers and some cops shot by all the major news stations.

"They wanted to come in?" a reporter asked the head cop. "Yup." "And you let them?" "Yup." "And there was no trouble?" "Nope."

Next time, somebody think of Plan B.

Jacques Servin
San Francisco

Attractive Qualities

Something happened to me in a bar last week and I'd like to share it with your readers. (The name of the bar it happened in doesn't matter, nor does the date and time of evening it occurred.)

Amid the cacophony of bad disco music, men of all types speaking loudly and laughing with one another, and the constant Castro Street traffic, I saw him. A handsomer man you'd be hard-pressed to find—athletically built and full of exuberance. I had to meet him.

Not only was he nice to look at, he was nice to talk with. We exchanged pleasantries for a few minutes before he said, "Before we go any farther, there's something you should know—I tested positive."

I thanked him for telling me and told him of my HIV test results, which were negative.

Then something happened to the man I was talking with. Right before my eyes he became even *more* attractive. No mystery, really. Honesty, directness and bravery are attractive qualities.

We have a dinner date for next week.

David Cochran
San Francisco

Tired of Nachman

The following letter was sent to the San Francisco Chronicle:

Gerald Nachman's recent comment about k.d. lang and his being tired of hearing about her and her sexuality (or "whatever you call it," to quote Mr. Nachman) was uncalled for, completely out of line, and downright rude.

If I may be so bold as to answer for lang and other outspoken members of the gay community, allow me to inform Nachman that we will continue to talk about our sexuality as long as there are people out there who try, for whatever sick, twisted reason, to keep us from talking about who we are and from presenting ourselves in a positive light. As long as there are people in Oregon, Colorado and, obviously, San Francisco, who seek to oppress us and deny us our basic civil rights as occupants of this planet, we will speak out about our sexuality and we will do so tirelessly until the need no longer exists.

Perhaps Nachman is jealous of lang—perhaps he knows that she is more man than he'll ever be and twice the woman he'll ever have?! Just wondering.

Kenneth J. Altman
San Francisco

Assaulted on 18th

On Monday, July 19, at around 11:15 am, I was assaulted by a panhandler outside the post office at Diamond and 18th streets in the Castro. I came out of the post office and he asked me for money. I stopped and dug out two quarters, put them in his hand and gave his hand a squeeze. He said, "Oh, does this mean I get a hug?" Taking me off guard, he pulled me toward him and began licking and French-kissing my cheek. I pulled away, stunned, and left.

The next day my lover and I were in the same neighborhood and I saw him in front of the post office again. I confronted him with the facts of his assault and told him not to behave this way again or he would get prosecuted and put in jail.

I offer this physical description of the individual in case anyone reading this letter has similar dealings with him: He is a Caucasian, with light brown hair and beard, 28-40, was wearing a red baseball cap, and is a wheelchair user (wears a leg brace, gets in and out of the chair on his own). He has a slight-to-medium build, has considerable upper body strength and is probably about 5'8"-5'10", maybe shorter. If this man assaults or accosts you, please call me and we will report him to the SFPD together.

Mary C. Dunlap
San Francisco

Don't Turn on Each Other

I must take exception with Mark Herman's letter that appeared in the latest issue of the *SF Bay Times* ("Watch Out, Carole!," *SF Bay Times,* July 15).

I don't know Mr. Herman and fail to understand why he has chosen me for his vitriolic attack. But what concerns me are the inaccuracies and inconsistencies in his letter.

First of all, Mr. Herman is confusing me and my writing with the editorial policies of the *Sentinel.* Many people may have a problem with *Sentinel* publisher Ray Chalker but, to his credit, he has always allowed me and others the liberty to express our views independently of the paper.

I find it a bit odd that Mr. Herman takes exception to the *Sentinel* calling the *SF Bay Times* a "lesbian newspaper," and then attacking me for defending a lesbian against attacks in the *Bay Guardian,* in their "Year of the Queer" issue—an attack that was deliberate and unfair.

Mr. Herman also claims that the *Sentinel* did an "about face" and "turned on" Mayor Jordan. This statement is absolutely ludicrous. Not only did we not support Jordan during the mayoral run-off, but I personally have been one of his leading critics since the day he took office.

It was in fact my interview with Jordan in that "silly paper," the *Sentinel,* where he made his series of promises (which he failed to deliver) to the gay and lesbian community. It was my articles that first questioned the appointment of Rev. Eugene Lumpkin months before he was quoted as calling homosexuality an "abomination against God."

In fact, I might remind Mr. Herman that it was the *Sentinel* that suggested a recall campaign against the Mayor; a plea I'm sure many now wish would have been heeded by more people.

I might also remind Mr. Herman that the *Sentinel* was victimized when our papers were stolen and thrown into a dumpster behind Walgreen's at 18th and Castro. Where were you, Mr. Herman, to rail against that violation of the First Amendment?

As to Mr. Herman's cynical claim that I am "sucking up" to Carole Migden in order to become her press secretary, let me say this: Carole Migden has proven herself to be a serious candidate for Mayor and her skills in creating a workable budget for this city were hailed by all people of reason. My unabashed enthusiasm for Carole Migden comes from my respect for her abilities and nothing else—she is indeed the continuation of the dream we had with Harvey Milk.

Carole Migden doesn't have to worry about me ever "turning on" her as Mr. Herman portends. But we, as a community, should worry about turning on each other when historic opportunities—like electing a lesbian mayor—present themselves to us.

Michael Colbruno
San Francisco

Labor Vs. Migden

I just wanted to "second" Mark Herman's warning to Carole Migden about her ally, Michael Colbruno ("Watch Out, Carole!" *SF Bay Times,* July 15). His letters in several publications also run Carole into trouble with organized labor. In a phone

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message Carole told me that I was wrong to think of her as anti-labor/worker. Her quotes, votes and legislation (intelligently and bravely rejected by all on the board except business-oriented Leal) show differently. Even Hsieh and Maher know that fair is fair. The Lesbian and Gay Labor activists of the Bay Area are well-versed in the sameness between those who would deny the Lavender Community rights and those who spend millions to deny workers, organized and otherwise, their rights. Does the name Coors ring a bell? It is all connected and Carole doesn't get it! We would love to support Carole, but if some election were tomorrow I'm afraid our support would be missing.

Michael continues to write about Carole working *with* labor while Carole goes around indicating it is organized workers breaking the financial back of San Francisco, the City we love. If the distortion wasn't so blatant and hurtful it might be merely amusing.

In a Queer Kind of Solidarity,
Bob Lewis
Organizer, Lavender Caucus, the L/G/B Caucus of the SEIU W. Conf.
San Francisco

Don't Forget to Laugh

I was shocked to see the letters disagreeing with your cover mocking the *Newsweek* article on Lesbians. I thought it was genius.

Obviously these people have never gone through this oppression themselves. It wasn't until I read versions of myself from the viewpoint of people of color that I began to see my internal racism. Of course, I was uncomfortable with this information. I thank God I wasn't shallow enough to put my fears into an editorial. To these people I say, get past defending the limited institution of marriage as society has defined it and work as hard for the many institutions of love.

P.S. Don't forget to laugh a bit along the way!
Loretta Bohlman
El Granada

We Came, We Marched, We Conquered

The Damned Lesbian Coalition would like to thank the many thousands of womin who proudly marched in San Francisco's first annual Dyke March, June 26. Through their wonderful spirit and enthusiasm the march was a great success. Obviously it was needed. The purpose of lesbian visibility and a show of strength and empowerment was well served. We should all be proud!

We started at Castro and Market streets, parting the sea of gay men and onlookers. As we turned onto Dolores Street, there were still womin coming out of the Castro. The Dyke March then met Whiptail Lizard Women's Collective's party on wheels. There was a superb DJ on board and we danced our way back to Market at 16th, where we took the six-way intersection for the next couple of hours. Whiptail would like to thank everyone who donated their time and energy to make the rally/party so successful.

The Damned Lesbian Coalition consisted of 15 to 20 Dykes from several organizations, and other individuals. We brought everything together in just over five weeks! We would like to thank all of you who donated time and resources to make it all possible. A great belief, energy, faith, hope and need fueled us all.

The Dyke March symbolized community. All womin as one, together, strong, empowered; and we would like to return to the community what we received. We believe that if we raise money from our community then it is our responsibility to be accountable to that community for what we do with that money—so, here's the financial report: Damned Lesbians collected $4,500; expenses (printing, T-shirts, sound system, etc.) $2,800; profit was $1,700. We are putting $500 in a bank account for next year's Dyke March. The remaining $1,200 will be donated equally to the following organizations: Lavender LEAF (small grants to lesbians in need); ACHE (African-American lesbian community group); Whiptail Lizard (Lesbian) Lounge; Norma Jean Croy Defense Committee; MUIMBRAS (Brazilian women immigrants); Ellas (Latina Lesbians); Out of Control Lesbian Committee to Support Women Political Prisoners; Women's Choice Clinic, Oakland; Charlotte Maxwell Clinic (alternative medicine for poor women with cancer); Asian Pacifica Lesbians; WORLD (services for HIV-positive women); Media Luna Collective (Lesbian group in El Salvador).

At a post-Dyke March evaluation meeting we listed groups that we were familiar with who represented a diversity of womin serving the lesbian community. Obviously we would like to give to more, but narrowed it down to those organizations we knew had little or no funding. Our pledge to you is to continue this sharing of the money as the Dyke March tradition continues.

Although the Dyke March was wonderful, nothing is perfect. Here are a few things we need to pay better attention to and wish to offer apologies for: The torches should not have been so close to the disability contingent; we need to have a van available for sisters who could not march; we need to develop better outreach to a wider spectrum of lesbians to reflect a more culturally diverse presence.

We hope that everyone had an orgasmic time. We know we did! Thank you all again! See you next year!

P.S. Why did the *SF Examiner* have better coverage of the March than the *SF Bay Times*?

The Damned Lesbian Coalition:
ACT UP/SF, Out of Control, Pledge of Resistance, Revolting Lesbians, SF Lesbian Avengers, Whiptail Lizard Collective, Prairie Fire, Women Against Imperialism; Assorted Dedicated Individuals

Threatened, James?

In response to James Dwyer's letter, "Hey, Broad Nation," in the July 15 *SF Bay Times:*

Why are you concerned with/threatened by a militant women's movement? Women with power must obviously uncover some deep-seated primordial male gender fears for you. Every time some man concerns himself with ridiculing and disparaging a women's group that has nothing to do with him, I begin to wonder. Why so patronizing, James? So sarcastic and snide? Do you think your puny opinion is even going to be considered by these women? And as for your admonishment that they smoke some pot and get over it, you can do it *your* way, but give me a break.

Are you a woman, James? How can you know what it's like to be one? And your argument that women in other countries have it a lot worse so women in this country should just shut up and be happy is completely fallacious. I suppose Blacks should just shut up, too, because they're no longer slaves. No—I think you should just shut up, James, and keep your patriarchal, oppressive opinions to yourself.

More Broad-Minded Than You
San Francisco

Confronting Offal

Because I *unequivocally* believe that any publication's letters section—to remain credible—must be a forum for discussing issues, rather than trashing personalities, I seldom respond to those who, void of cogency or coherency, attack me as an individual rather than (attempt to) argue my (conservative) views. Hence, I have no intention of insulting the *SF Bay Times* by descending into the sewer with the vicious *troika* (letters, July 15) who wrote to disagree with my "Curmudgeon vs. Dykes" epistle of July 1.

Still, my letter—striking, as it did, a nerve common to the aforementioned feminists (one was a male)—was based on my own experiences of interacting, socializing and working with "lesbians" (always a pleasure) vs. "dykes" (always a revulsion). It was also underscored by the fact that since the Billary co-presidency, the distaff side of homosexuality has been exiting the "purple" closet in fertile, pregnant-like abundance. This, I hasten to add, is not necessarily a "negative." Borrowing from the P.C. Left (ugh), the "consciousness" of the public has now been "raised" to recognize that "gayness" is not the "exclusive birthright" of men—pioneers and groundbreakers though we remain.

But, please remember: Just as we gay men must frequently confront the "trash" which sets back our cause, so, too, gay women must come to grips with the "offal" which impedes their hard-won status. Put another way, "queer" is to "gay" as "dyke" is to "lesbian."

And the Clintons? Are they not the *broad*est dimension of a phrase we all know all too well: "A marriage of convenience"?

Thomas M. Edwards
San Francisco

Freedom Is Not Trash

In your June 17 issue, you printed a letter, "No to Exhibitionists," from a woman who signed herself as "Very Angry Lesbian." Well, I would like to respond to that woman and tell her that she is indeed a very angry person who is quick to condemn and judge those who have different values. Also, I would like to tell her that she has much to learn about what the words "Parade" and "Freedom" signify.

Besides portraying yourself as critical and judgmental, you also show how intolerant you are of others. So what if someone wants to hold hands and kiss during the parade? Does this challenge your religious doctrines, or the beliefs with which you grew up? Perhaps "others" more daring than you make you wish that you could be as free and spontaneous as they are? Personally, I call this "freedom," art (cyberpunk), and not exhibitionism.

Incidentally, what does enumerating your personal accomplishments have to do with what you so adamantly argue against? Perhaps if you were sharing your fortune with those less fortunate than yourself, I could see a point of mentioning your class, social and love status. What many of us regard as "freedom," you call "trash." To show oneself is an expression of our inner selves, and personally I wish I had the guts to be so bold.

Your writing portrays you as a self-righteous, arrogant and intolerant person, someone I wouldn't enjoy meeting, much less talking to. You would be the person to censor my freedom of speech, my right to a job, housing and, sadly enough, the right to choice. If you are so proud of your values, why didn't you sign your own name?

You are in great need of learning how to be human. If I were your healer, I would prescribe a megadose of "multicultural" encounters. Learn what the word "diversity" means. And for God/Goddess' sake, let the Gay/Lesbian Parade be an equal opportunity event, where "gay/lesbian/heterosexual" exhibitionists can do their thing without being censored by you.

Victoria Alegria Rosales, MFA
San Diego

Queer Punks Are Anti-Racist

Just a quick note in regards to Thom Bean's column in the *SF Bay Times*, July 15:

Thom mentioned "gay skinheads" in the last paragraph of his piece, in the context of racist groups within the gay community. While I am certainly not about to argue with his observations on gay racism, please do not stereotype gay skinheads!

I am not a skinhead, but being a young queer punk rocker I have known many skinheads in my time. The fact is a majority of skinheads are *anti-racist*. Unfortunately, the idiots who have adopted the look and identity give the movement a bad name.

I realize that it's hard for the public to tell the difference among skins, but it's annoying to see people generalize about a group of people more intelligent than you think. I have several gay skinhead friends who no doubt cringe when they read stereotypes in the media such as the one Thom Bean wrote.

Matt Wobensmith
San Francisco

Go, Tommy, Go!

Go, Tommy, go! Go, Tommy, go! Brother Bean's "Queer Monoculture on Parade" (*SF Bay Times*, July 15) is yet another magnum opus reflecting the prevalence and the many facets of gay white male racism within the "community."

His column further demonstrated that what is termed "community" by the local alternative press is really a set of homogenous communities whose only commonality is that we don't restrict and/or limit ourselves to hetero sexual practices and that we are all dealing with and dying from AIDS. Other than those two points, from my perspective, there is very little "community" within the so-called community. The walls of racism, sexism and classism are well in place in the queer/gay mecca of the Bay Area, and Bean's article summed it up nicely by stating that, "We all go where we are wanted and feel welcome. And there is a price to be paid when any of us is isolated, demeaned or ignored." In this particular case (Bean's column), the price for ignoring the queer African community during the entire Parade process was twofold. One was the obvious lack of visible presence in numbers at the event (after all, we are easily spotted and can be quickly accounted for), and two was the Riggs debacle. I wonder if Mr. Taylor and the Parade Committee(s) are pursuing legal restitution for Mr. Riggs and company for the verbal abuse (and battery) suffered because of the South Bay Drive Shafts, et al. Perhaps teaching them a monetary lesson might help them get through Queerism 101 and Queer Etiquette 50 (bonehead).

One fact overlooked by brother Bean and the Parade Committee, which has always been insensitive on the issue, is religion. The date and timing of the Parade is always in conflict with timing set aside for weekly spiritual healing for Africans in the United States. As a consequence, a vast number of us who might otherwise attend on any other day are in various worship services spanning all religious denominations. I think this was what brother Bean was referring to when discussing the issue of "cultural imperatives" in his essay. In this case, to

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More Trauma for the SF Health Department: Dr. Ray Baxter Resigns As Director

by Tim Kingston

"I'm looking for a window to jump out of," declared a distressed health activist on hearing about Dr. Ray Baxter's July 26 resignation as director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Baxter, who has been the DPH director for three tumultuous years, announced his decision on July 20. While the aforementioned activist's reaction was, perhaps, a trifle excessive, it reflects a near-universal sense of dismay among San Francisco's supervisors, DPH staff, health care providers and activists.

According to DPH sources, Baxter had decided to hold off on resigning until the budget process was over—and the original $80 million in cuts proposed by the Mayor were pared down to a "mere" $60 million in cuts. "I was intent on staying here until I believed that at least the bare bones, the foundations of the system were intact...That is exactly what has been accomplished," said Baxter, as he announced his departure.

Baxter will be leaving San Francisco to become a senior vice president at Lewin-VHI, a national health policy think tank based in Washington, D.C. His announcement has been expected for weeks and dreaded for months. Speculation about his departure has been rampant since his wife, Aida Alvarez, obtained a high level appointment with Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C., on June 1.

After three consecutive years battling to protect the health budget, many activists and even supervisors felt it was only a matter of time before Baxter would get fed up. Board of Supervisors president Angela Alioto grumbled that the Mayor's $80-million-cut proposal equaled a 47 percent cut in general fund contributions to the DPH, "while everyone else got cut [only] 15 percent. It was downright insulting," she said.

Baxter had come to San Francisco with a vision: to implement a comprehensive, fully integrated public and private health care system. Despite the ongoing budget crisis Baxter believes there has been "real progress in services." He said, "Underneath, the reform has been going on. It is just that we have had to spend only 10 percent of our time on change, and 90 percent on defending the budget, rather than the other way round."

At the announcement of Baxter's resignation, Mayor Frank Jordan stated that Flo Stroud, senior deputy director of Health for Community Public Health Services, will be the interim director of the DPH. Jordan also appointed Arthur Jackson, president of the Health Commission, to spearhead a search committee for a new director. Mayor Jordan wants a new director chosen within three months.

BARE BONES AND FOUNDATIONS: A NEW BUDGET BATTLE LOOMS

If the debate over Baxter's repeated characterization of this year's budget as a "bare bones" effort is anything to go by, a fight is already brewing over next year's health budget. This makes Jordan's choice of a new DPH chief particularly critical.

"Is it a complete set of bare bones?" asked Jeff Jeu, deputy director for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. "No," said Jeu. "I don't think we have a complete skeleton. There are still major elements missing."

The leadership of the DPH—Jeff Jeu, Baxter and Dr. Sandra Hernandez, the county medical officer—all agree this year's budget merely provides the *foundations* of a comprehensive health service. And interviews with the Mayor's office indicate Jordan is already considering more cuts in the health department next year.

While the DPH has managed to claw back some $20 million in budget restorations, they are still looking at between $20 and $22 million worth of direct service cuts. (Remember last year, when everyone screamed about the "huge" $25 million in cuts?)

There will be cuts in the paramedics division, cuts in the number of beds at SF General, cuts in outpatient drug treatment programs, as well as "fairly extensive" cuts in mental health services, and other shavings in just about every health service the City offers. "It is painful," said Baxter. "We are losing very important programs—but the core of the system is left."

That is not quite how the Mayor sees it. After Baxter rattled off the list of this year's prunings, Mayor Jordan interjected a defense of his "budget policy." "I am responsible for the bigger picture of 57 other departments and services, including the DPH, so I have to prioritize all the different issues with the funding sources I have in place," he said. Jordan stressed he does not see additional millions of dollars going into health care, "because it would mean we would be driving something else out." The Mayor noted, "Certainly there are needs that have to be addressed. But they cannot just be [paid for] on local revenue sources." (A "Read my lips" pledge?)

Indeed, the Mayor's office told *SF Bay Times* there will "definitely" be cuts next year, "and not just in the health department." When Jim Wunderman, the Mayor's current budget maven, was questioned if he agreed the DPH budget is a "bare bones" affair, he demurred, "I can't say whether it is bare bones or not. Only a very careful review could determine if the same level of service could be provided at a lower cost than before."

But Wunderman's "Milton Freidmanite" inclinations were betrayed: when asked if more DPH cutbacks would harm the integrity of the City's public health care, Wunderman replied, "I have never met a department head who did not say his department's budget was bare bones." Health Commission president Arthur Jackson also took issue with Baxter's description of the DPH budget. Such responses do not make health care advocates rest easy at night.

APPOINTMENT PARANOIA

Supervisor Kevin Shelley joined the chorus of disappointment about Baxter's departure, and then got right down to business. "On a positive note, I hope that the Mayor will not seek a compliant director who will bow to the Mayor's will, but rather will look to someone who is independent and tough, who will fight for health care. There will be a temptation to say we need someone who will play ball with us."

Supervisor Carole Migden, however, is hopeful, saying that while Jordan will pick someone who will work with the Mayor's office, Jordan knows that "You need someone who will make the system work. You need someone with confidence and moral fiber. [If] you bring someone in to be a henchperson—you can't really make a go of that," said Migden.

Migden aide Dana Van Gorder is more cautious. "My fear is, they will be looking for a director that will ruthlessly pare back money spent in that department." Van Gorder warned that business interests have the ear of the Jordan administration. Van Gorder said he has sat through many meetings where Baxter had to patiently explain to business executives that San Francisco is a city and county with more health responsibilities than other cities and that the City has traditionally put a high premium on health care. "It is tough to get them to understand," said Van Gorder. "They also don't give a shit about people with health problems that need taking care of." He added, "We will have to do our job on this one."

Carrington Osborne of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention said, "The appointment of a hatchet person in terms of the budget would be devastating."

ANGLING FOR A REPLACEMENT

One name that has repeatedly cropped up as a possible replacement for Baxter is that of Dr. Sandra Hernandez, currently county medical officer. Many observers, from activists to supervisors, have spontaneously floated her name. "For me," noted Hernandez, "the real issue is what the health commission is going to do in terms of specing out this job." That is, defining the qualifications that the administration wants.

Hernandez is cautiously interested—but she listed a number of conditions that would need to be met before considering the job. First and foremost, she said, "We cannot go through another $40 or $50 million of cuts... And if there is any notion of detaching any part of the health system, I could not lead it, or remain in the system."

Hernandez has been an integral part of Baxter's attempts to reorganize the department, aiming for a system that will provide integrated services linking SF General to the neighborhood health clinics and to other citywide health services. She also supports Baxter's push to spin off the DPH from the City, making it independent and responsible for its own budget planning. That would insulate the department from micromanagement by City Hall. Hernandez wants reassurances that the City is going to follow through on those plans.

"I was trained as a physician in primary care; that is where health care is going. You have got to front-end the system," said Hernandez. "It cannot just be urgent care." San Francisco is now well positioned to build up the "front end" of that system and implement health care reform. "We have a system that is intact and all under the same entity: mental health services, acute care, long-term care, service to the community and institutional care. That is very unusual."

Richard Cordova, director of SF General Hospital, said he moved to San Francisco from Los Angeles specifically to work on Baxter's vi-

THe BofA headquarters occupation on July 19: Tax big business at same rate workforce is taxed. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Bank Of America's Heart of Stone: 42 Arrested in Budget Protest Downtown

With a disdainful expression worthy of an angry fishmonger, a well-dressed Bank of America executive threaded his way through the bank's main downtown lobby on July 20, where a horde of protesters stalked the marbled floors, raucously demanding that downtown business pay higher taxes. The executive stooped momentarily, picking up a higher-taxes-to-save-health-services poster, handling it as if it were a very smelly and very dead fish. He passed it to an equally unimpressed woman in full-on Embarcadero drag. She folded the flyer—touching it as little as possible—then glared at this reporter taking notes.

And the business "community" wonders why many San Franciscans— particularly the protesters—say corporations don't give a damn about the welfare of the City and its citizens! Organizers say the action was designed to draw attention to what activists charge is years of lenient business taxes and corporate freeloading.

Over 42 union notables, health activists and health care providers were arrested in the noisy civil disobedience at Bank of America's corporate headquarters. Among those arrested were school board member Angie Fa, ex-ILWU president and port commissioner Jimmy Herman, Coalition on Homelessness activist Alex Vitale, Local 790 negotiator Josie Moodie and Father Bill O'Donnel of St. Joseph the Worker.

Local 790's Tim Reagan alleges the business community and "several elected officials" have conspired to keep business taxes "off the agenda." Noting that downtown business has received property tax reassessments worth over $450 million, Reagan says, "If business paid its share, we would not have the cuts in health and other services... This is a city that needs more services, not less."

The protest started with a 250-strong noon rally at the Pacific Stock Exchange, demanding, among other things, a tax on stock and bond transactions originating in the City. The demonstrators then marched up California Street to the BofA citadel. The July 20 demonstration, organized by the Save Our City Coalition, was inspired by Mayor Jordan's assault on the health budget. "The leadership from the Mayor's office has been a disaster," says Joe Lacey of Senior Action and St. Mary's Housing Committee. Lacey says downtown business got Mayor Jordan elected for one reason only: "To protect their tax base. He is now paying it off."

BofA spokesperson Peter Magnini later rebuffed accusations of corporate parsimony saying the bank pays some $7.5 million in business taxes to the City every year, as well as being a major contributor to local charities. Magnini charges that business in San Francisco is overtaxed—rejecting activists' assertions to the contrary. He added that BofA employees also make substantial contributions to the City's overall income.

"The City has tried for a number of years to get its hands around the budget crisis by increasing taxes, and it has not worked," says Magnini. Now, he says, "The City is trying to look at spending within its means." Bob Nelson of Catholic Charities retorts, "The Chamber of Commerce is fighting every single revenue ploy. They are just saying, 'Don't tax us.'" Nelson says that is exactly why the protest was organized. "The chamber has to realize they can't do this without getting a backlash."

—Tim Kingston

sion of a unified health service. While words can't describe the loss, Cordova said Baxter's vision remains an inspiration. "Now we need the infrastructure to make it happen," said Cordova. "All the pieces in the plan are in place. Now we need the resources to make it happen...because the next 12 to 18 months are going to be one of the most critical periods. That is really going to dictate the future of this department."

The question is: Will the Jordan administration appoint a new director capable of fleshing out that vision? Or more to the point, is the San Francisco health community ready to fight to convince the Mayor that Baxter's vision and legacy are necessary. ✿

Stretched Nerves and Paranoia: Layoffs and Bumping All Over

by Tim Kingston

The "Bump" is not a dance anymore. Instead, it is an ominous specter lurking in the uneasy minds of many San Francisco city government employees. Ever since Mayor Jordan's budget cuts were announced, thousands of city employees have been wondering if they are going to lose their jobs or get "bumped." Bumping occurs when an employee with seniority is ejected from one job only to be relocated to another, thus displacing a worker lower in the seniority pecking order. The resulting domino effect continues on down the line—often until someone gets laid off permanently.

It is not just city workers who are nervous. Department managers are also apprehensive about the erosion of their program's effectiveness due to the replacement of seasoned staff with transferred employees. The AIDS office, which has a lot of staff classified as "temporary," who have no seniority status, is particularly vulnerable to decimation through bumping.

Managers at SF General and other Department of Public Health (DPH) divisions are also concerned about how the layoffs and bumping will impact the quality and provision of health services to clients. Will there be enough staff? Will the remaining staff have the proper experience to provide services?

"If someone in public works gets laid off, that person could come and bump into my staff, and there is no requirement for any notice whatsoever," gripes one frustrated AIDS office manager. "Someone could show up one day on your doorstep saying, 'Hi, I have your job now.' It is just ridiculous." That has already happened. In the AIDS office, a contract manager who handled Ryan White disbursements to nonprofits has been replaced by a senior building manager from 101 Grove St., the DPH's headquarters building.

Dr. Ray Baxter, ex-director of the DPH, says each layoff can set in motion a chain of eight to ten bumps. But sources at the Civil Service Commission say the rule of thumb is that each layoff generally results in three or four bumps.

It is not just employees who will be affected. Due to layoffs and bumping, the AIDS office said in early July that it would be unable to carry out all the site visits necessary to monitor nonprofit programs funded by Ryan White money. According to a July 1 AIDS office memo, the AIDS office will only conduct site visits for *new* programs next year, not currently funded programs. Veterans of A.I.D.S., CURAS and Shanti Project scandals find such a limited level of oversight truly terrifying.

Although senior DPH employees say the health budget restorations of $20 million will prevent the majority of the anticipated layoffs and bumps and monitoring failures, there will still be some permanent job losses, as well as bumps coming in from other departments. No one really knows how many job replacements there are likely to be, since all the action is dependent on the final budget that should be signed Aug. 1.

MOVING TARGETS

It is not just the workers who are confused. No one has any specific data on layoffs and bumping, due both to the fluid nature of the recent budget negotiations, and the unpredictable bumps from layoffs that have already occurred. No one really wanted to be quoted on current figures for fear the numbers would change overnight. Everyone contacted by *SF Bay Times* is singing the same tune: All will be revealed and made clear by Aug. 1, when the final budget is signed by the Mayor.

Despite the uncertainty, some bumpings have already transpired. So far, there have been some 800 "transactions and reassignments" in the DPH alone, including layoffs and the elimination or restaffing of vacant DPH positions. One DPH source responsible for implementing the layoffs and bumps is dealing with a 73-page list of reassignments (12 DPH staff per page). That list is expected to shrink to 30 pages with the budget restorations.

Part of the confusion around the exact number of reassignments rests on the fact that there are two separate kinds of bumps. There are internal departmental bumps, such as in the DPH, where jobs exist that are not comparable to any other position in the City. Due to the lack of comparable job classifications in other city departments, some bumps can only occur within the DPH. In addition, there are citywide bumps—which no department can predict or plan for—where employees with the same job classification are shunted from one city department to another.

"The full impact of bumping is still unknown," comments Dr. Mitch Katz, AIDS office director. "Within the AIDS office there will be some experienced personnel who have [lost] or will lose their positions. We will have to train the new personnel....But there will be some lag, as well as loss of expertise."

At the height of the budget crisis, the Civil Service Commission sent out a total of 961 layoff notices. According to Ed Gazzano, DPH personnel director, approximately 350 layoff notices were sent out to DPH employees, including 13 layoffs in the AIDS office, 12 to 13 in Adult Day Care, and 125 layoffs in Community Substance Abuse Services (CSAS).

Meanwhile, at SF General Hospital, the AIDS, neurosurgery and telemetry/cardiology wards were slated to lose between 17 and 40 percent of their nursing staff. At Ward 5A, the AIDS inpatient ward, head nurse Diane Jones says final cuts will result in a loss of between 5 to 13 nurses out of 28 currently on staff.

DPH officials hope budget restorations will ultimately improve the situation. Jimmy Loyce, AIDS office associate director, says he now expects five bumps instead of 13. In CSAS, 95 percent of the layoffs have been nullified because of budget restorations. Only at SF General have the initial job loss figures remained stable. According to Diane Jones, that is because many of the bumpings and transfers at the hospital are due to other factors not directly related to the budget.

"There is no question that the longer we string this out, the more difficult it is...to keep the anxiety level down," says Cordova. "Even with the six month budget, it still puts people at a high level of anxiety, because they are wondering: 'I made it through this. Does that mean six months from now I have to worry about it all over again?'"

The same scenario is being played out citywide. Al Walker, at the Civil Service Commission, sees the psychological consequences every day, as people come into his office to see if they are going to be bumped. "There is a lot of concern about the cutbacks. People are frustrated, they feel jerked around. There are no decisions, and that is worse than not knowing."

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The level of concern is so great that not one of the lower echelon DPH employees interviewed would go on the record—out of fear that it would

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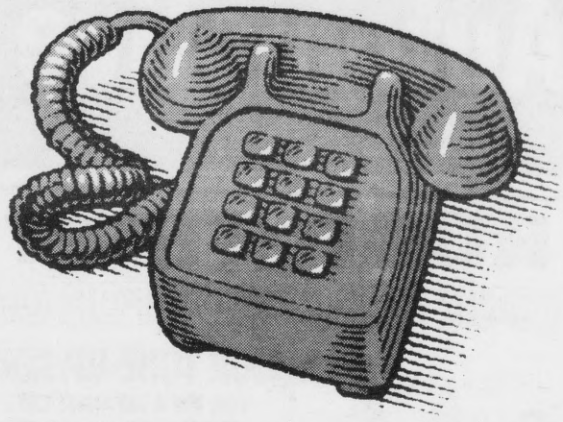

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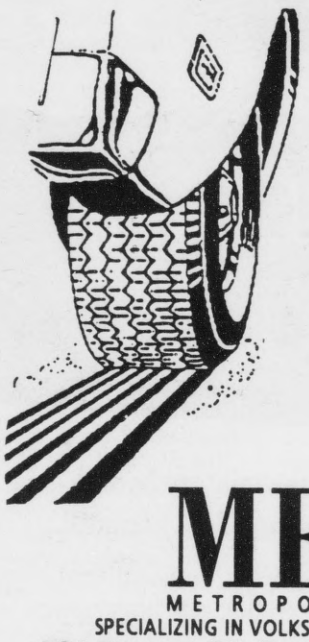

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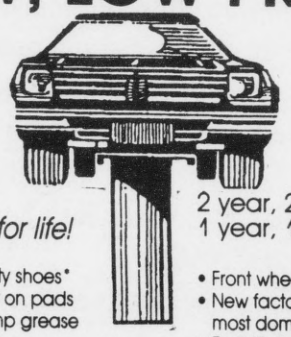

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Won't Get Fooled Again? Clinton's New Gay Ban

by Tim Kingston

"I call this policy 'the four Ds'. Don't ask. Don't tell. Drop Dead," cracked Rabbi Yoel Kahn, addressing over 600 irate protesters at the Federal Building on July 20. Kahn said President Bill Clinton's "new" policy for gays, lesbians and bisexuals in the military means, "You can be homosexual—but you just can't be homosexual." Kahn added, "What this policy is about is being invisible. You can exist, as long as you don't exist anywhere."

Kahn's comments about Clinton's long-awaited announcement were met by rousing cries of "Shame, Shame, Shame" from the clearly riled—and mostly white male—crowd who were all set to be arrested in a noisy symbolic invasion of the Federal Building. (Over 40 were peacefully taken into custody by federal marshals.) But while most were upset, not everyone present was shocked by Clinton's decision. "We ought to be clear we have a centrist president," said activist Simeon White, "We can expect centrist appointments and centrist decisions. Our hope is that he would stand up to the task—but we are thinking about him as if he is someone he is not."

"It *is* a human rights issue," stressed White, who added, "I just hope we get the right to join [the military]—and then not use it." Another African American, even less impressed with the issue, appeared briefly at the rally and sniped, "I just love it when white people discover their rights have been compromised," and then took off for lunch.

It was a "Lift the Ban" rally uniquely peculiar to San Francisco. Almost as many of the speakers railed against the military industrial complex itself, as they did against the ban. And, at how many "Lift the Ban" protests around the country do you find a "Lesbian Avenger" with a black mask and a smoking ersatz bomb held aloft? She looked more like a stereotypical anarchist set to lob the bomb at the cops, than a lesbian activist irritated by the military's homophobic exclusivist policies.

(During the most militant anti-militarist rhetoric, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force director Torie Osborne could be seen sitting quietly with her head drooping—was she just tired, or mortified?)

"We will not settle for anything less than a complete lifting of the ban—and our fuse is short," declared Lisa Dettner, of Lesbian Avengers. Dettner asserted the "Ban" is an issue of lesbian visibility. It is about a lesbian's right to be "out and in your face without losing her job," stated Dettner. Having said that, she stressed—to the cheers of the crowd—"This is *not* an endorsement of the military."

"We feel solidarity with the women and men who are persecuted daily by the homophobia in the military," said Dettner. "But we resent that such solidarity has been equated with support for the armed forces as an institution!...What we need is to find alternatives for these people to military service. Real Jobs!"

While gay army poster boy Jose Zuniga spoke of his coming out due to Clinton's promise, and gay Republican Chris Bowman queried just who is in charge—Bill Clinton or Colin Powell—it was Supervisor Carole Migden who roused the crowd most, cutting to the quick with a fire and brimstone address: "Don't ask? Don't tell?"

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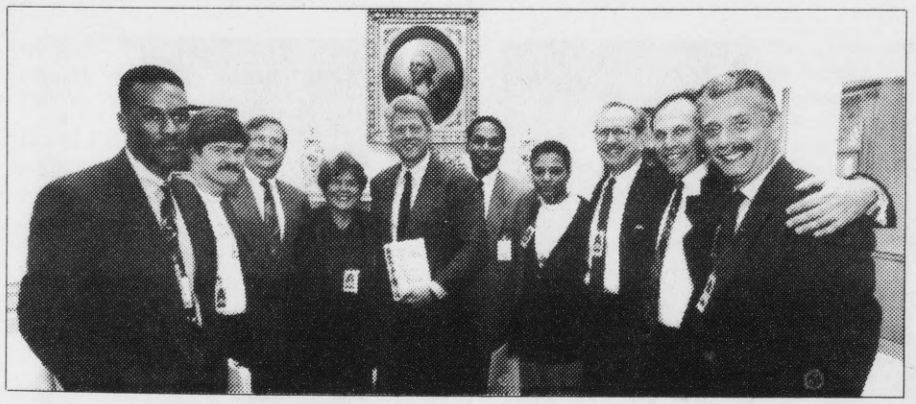

Wow, flashback. Clinton schmoozing and making more empty promises with gay & lesbian "leaders" back in May of this year. Wow, more flashbacks. Isn't that Randy Shilts' book, "Conduct Unbecoming," that Clinton is holding up to the camera? Maybe Chelsea took it before he had a chance to read it.

grated Migden. "We didn't ask. He *promised!*"

"You tell us this is an advancement?!" fumed Migden in a voice that could freeze molten steel. "Could you please define it for me—'cause I'm missing the point."

Migden growled, "You can't compromise on issues of discrimination. There is no compromise and no mitigation. You either stand with people and their right to live a dignified life proudly and upfrontly, or you stand with our enemies, who want us to hide." Migden noted, "This compromise says you can't kiss. You can't touch. You can't hold hands. You can't let 'em know you are queer—not in any kind of a way. And, if you happen to have sex off base, you are kicked out of the military.... Did you ever hear of a straight man not being the pride of the base when he is caught off campus with a liaison? No? Right. So is there not a way that this fundamentally and clearly discriminates against us?"

DEFINING THE INDEFENSIBLE

While the *SF Bay Times* could not reach the White House for comment, Scott Williams, Sen. Sam Nunn's press liaison, did his best to explain how the "new" policy is not anti-gay. Sen. Nunn is chief of the senate Armed Forces Committee, and has been Clinton's most effective adversary on the issue of gays in the military.

"It is not a civil rights issue," said Williams. "The military is a unique environment; it is not a civil rights organization. It is a fighting force trained to win wars." Williams further argued, "You give up certain rights to be in there. When you are in the military, the mission comes first. The individual does not."

Williams took umbrage at allegations that Nunn is an enemy of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community. He said, "[Nunn] has never said anything derogatory about the lesbian/gay/bisexual community.... You have to look at all the facts and elements of the debate as it applies to the basic mission of the U.S. military." Williams contended that an open declaration of sexual orientation would have a detrimental impact on "unit cohesion"—the ability of a military group to fight effectively. Nunn's office sticks to that view, despite the mixed testimony his committee heard on that issue four months ago.

Asked why gays, lesbians and bisexuals could not just be left alone and allowed to live their lives quietly and openly, Williams asserted it is more than an issue of simply being left alone. Again, he raised the specter of unit cohesion. Asked about the integration of African Americans and women into the military, Williams described race as a "benign characteristic," and said a woman cannot hide her gender or sex. With that both parties silently acknowledged the discussion had became a rote replaying of pat answers, and concluded the interview.

In an implicit response to Nunn's opinion, poet and activist June Jordan stated at the rally outside the Federal Building that it was her duty as an African American to speak out: "This is an issue of freedom. And this is an issue of equal rights. It is nothing less than that."

"What happened," said June Jordan, "is that our craven, cowardly, capitulating president had the audacity...with his buddy-up Colin [Powell], to say that we are wrong. That we lesbian Americans are wrong. That we gay men in America are wrong and, therefore, it is OK for us to do this or that—so long as nobody knows we are doing it, right? So what he is calling for is behavioral suicide, and I'm not good at that. Are you?"

Jordan pointed out that Clinton's record of defending the dispossessed, who helped get him elected, has not been exemplary. "This guy has betrayed his promises to us, the gay and lesbian Americans, has he not? He has betrayed his promises to the Haitian refugees.... I say that is fine, this is what he did. [But] let us not entreat him any more. Let us not meet in the Oval Room any more. Let us take it to the streets and the Congress of the United States and ask for our full civil rights. We can do no less. And let's just go on loving one another."

But, at least some small things slowly change. Rabbi Kahn noted that the SFPD officers outside the Federal Building have given up wearing latex gloves at gay demonstrations; now they wear leather. "Their gloves do match their shoes," said Kahn. "And I want to thank them for that." ✿

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Old Wives' Tales Facing Closure

by Val C. Phoenix

San Francisco's only women's bookstore, Old Wives' Tales, is considering shutting down unless it gets a serious cash infusion to ensure future financial stability. The store has a debt of $60,000 and needs to raise $25,000 by the end of August to stay in business.

"While we do attribute our current crunch to the recession, we still have doubt. We are concerned that many of you do not shop here as frequently nor buy as many of our books as you used to because what we carry is no longer what you're needing," write collective members Darlene Pagano and Elissa Mondschein in an appeal directed to "Bay Area feminists."

Speaking to *SF Bay Times*, Pagano sounds remarkably placid, saying, "The question I ask is, 'Is this just the recession, or is it that we're just not needed?'" In their appeal, sent in early July, the collective asks bluntly, "Do you think a feminist bookstore still has reason to exist? Do you think *this* feminist bookstore still has reason to exist?"

It's a question that may well set off warning bells for the Bay Area women's community. Just what place does a women's bookstore hold in San Francisco in 1993? It is perhaps similar to the lesbian bar panic brought on when Amelia's closed: How can San Francisco *not* have one? The desire for women's space seems just as strong, as witnessed by the opening of Red Dora's and the Whiptail Lizard Lounge and the rise of women-focused groups like WAC and Lesbian Avengers.

Yet, these groups seem to be financially vulnerable, particularly in a recession. "The recession has played up the negative side of things: we're under-capitalized and in a debt situation," says Pagano. "I don't know what better example you could want that it just hits women the hardest. Our best book buyers come in and say their money is not going as far."

"If we are needed," says Pagano, "then we have a problem." Average sales for OWT in 1988 were $900 per weekday and $1,200 per day on weekends. "Today," says Pagano, "those are exceptional days."

In addition, between 1988 and 1991 the store incurred a debt, caused by the expansion to a second room (now closed), that they've reduced from $74,000 to $60,000. Pagano says the collective's intention is to wipe out the debt and get working capital to provide financial stability. "The store was built on unpaid labor and minimal credit," she notes. It is not well-capitalized, and banks are reluctant to give loans to such businesses.

Nevertheless, Pagano and Mondschein are proceeding as if the store will continue, looking to raise money and recruit a new collective member. They are the only two members right now, the legal minimum, and Mondschein is leaving at the end of September.

More immediately, they need money and women. Pagano says the store needs $25,000 by the end of August, combined with "a group of women committed to do fundraising over the next two years" to raise $100,000. "We could make it if we could get a couple of loans," she says, noting these can be creative loans.

CULTURAL INROADS

Though the financial picture is anything but rosy, in a way Old Wives' Tales is a victim of its own success, looked at in cultural terms. Women's bookstores were founded to give women's voices wider exposure, and some of this has been achieved.

Says Pagano, "In the San Francisco Bay Area any decent bookstore has a section for women's studies or gay and lesbian studies and non-fiction. They buy it because it sells." This being the case, book buyers feel less need to make a special trip to a women's bookstore to find those books, cutting into OWT's customer base. "Some women come in one or two times a year who used to be regular customers," says Pagano.

Darleen (l) and Elissa Mondschein of OWT: The store needs to raise $25,000 by the end of August. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Women's bookstores introduced many now-popular authors to consumers 15 years ago when no one had heard of them and the big chains wouldn't touch them. "Audre Lorde, Robin Morgan, bell hooks. When this store started, that's what people came to buy," recalls Pagano. "We were carrying Alice Walker when no one knew her name," says Mondschein. "Alice Walker is a unique example," Pagano says. "She consistently supports women's bookstores. She asks her publisher to book her at the stores that supported her before *The Color Purple*."

Now, Walker's work is carried at Waldenbooks. Still, says Mondschein, "Thirty percent of what we stock here you're not gonna find in another store," such as small pamphlets, works from small presses, and imports. "The way we see it," she says, "that's what's gonna disppear from the market" should the store close.

Pagano's figures indicate that the typical American book buyer is a college-educated woman in her 40s, and 65 percent of retail customers are women. Clearly, the market hasn't peaked, but the competition has increased. "Bookstores respond to that," says Pagano. "The market for women is the market for books. Women are willing to buy and support other women's writing."

Increasingly, women's writing is being picked up by mainstream presses and being sold in big bookstores and chains. Pagano points to the latest trend in the publishing world, which has now adopted lesbians as flavor of the month and is looking for women to publish. "There's been a lot of scooping up of authors," she says, citing Karla Jay, Blanche Boyd and Sarah Schulman, but warns, "When the trend is over... what do you do then?"

"If we close now, we can close honorably," says Pagano, "having had amazing success in the culture," adds Mondschein. Forty percent of the Bay Area bestseller list is composed of books by women, such as Barbara Kingsolver, that Pagano says one would only expect to find in literary or feminist bookstores ten years ago.

"Women's stuff is less marginalized and I do

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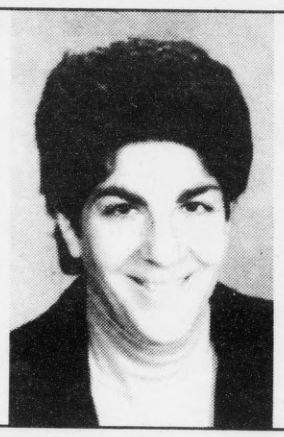

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not wish to keep it marginalized just to keep the network of feminist bookstores going," says Pagano. "I wanna know when it's time to go."

IT'S IN THERE

OWT's own bestseller list for the last 12 months is topped by Sandra Scoppettone (lesbian fiction), Susan Faludi (women's studies) and Joan Nestle (lesbian non-fiction). Other categories the store denotes include spirituality, health, Native American, Latina and kids.

Among the top sellers are those in the recovery field and "anything on incest," says Pagano. Though books such as *The Courage to Heal* are widely available, Pagano feels women may be more inclined to purchase them at a women's bookstore because of word of mouth and comfort level. "I think women would feel more comfortable [buying] here," she says. "It's also a place where clerks feel comfortable selling those books," says Mondschein.

Indeed, a women's bookstore serves as more than just a place to buy books. It's a community resource providing service by women for women. Mondschein says half of the calls to the store are not about books. Tourists come to OWT asking for information on the women's scene. In response, the store has created a free fact sheet called "Lesbian San Francisco." OWT also has binders with listings of available housing and jobs.

Though the store is back to one room, it hasn't reduced its stock and carries jewelry, T-shirts, cassettes, cards, stickers and magazines, as well as books. The inventory is catalogued electronically, making it easier to order books, which can be shipped worldwide. OWT also has *Books in Print* on disk and can compile bibliographies. "Whatever advance there's been in the book industry, we've kept up with," says Pagano.

Though many still make use of the store's freebies, that doesn't necessarily translate to dollars. "If there was a way to charge 25 cents per inquiry or $1 for the binders, there would have never been a financial problem. We might even own this building," sighs Pagano. "If the store goes, that'll go, too," adds Mondschein.

From what she's seen, Pagano doesn't buy the oft-quoted idea that younger lesbians just aren't feminists. "We get a lot of the Lesbian Avengers and the Whiptail women in here. Women are fed up with sexism." Yet, Pagano acknowledges, "I don't think women who came of age after women's spaces existed understand that these spaces existed because women made a deliberate decision to support them.... You can't just call us once a year if you want us to be here."

A number of options to support the store are laid out in the appeal: book donations, creative loans, in-kind contributions, memberships, and most of all, new customers.

Public relations for their Mission neighborhood haven't been the best lately, with a spate of newspaper stories about rising crime rates and homelessness. This has prompted fearful calls to the store from women concerned about safety, and there has been a noticeable dip in foot traffic. Pagano wants to allay those fears, noting that the store has access to a parking garage and is between two police substations.

Beyond stability, Pagano has big dreams for the store. "I want to see us producing the largest cultural events around. This is women's books and visions. We don't have to stick to books. Culture comes in many forms. We do books and music, but I don't think that's enough. We see ourselves as putting out women's voices in lots of different ways besides the printed word."

Pagano and Mondschein are well aware that most women in the Bay Area still don't know of the store's existence, despite it having been in business for 17 years. They hope to do more outreach to change that. Pagano says, "Feminism has got something for you even if it's just that we've got books for kids that say girls are good. If you've got a zine that you're stapling at your house, bring it on over... There's some part of every woman's life [for which] this can be of use." ✿

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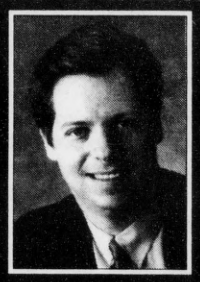

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El hombre se llamaba Tede (His Name Was Tede)

by Rebecca Gordon

Recently *Gente*, a weekly Nicaraguan literary magazine, carried a short story about a gay man. The story was called "El hombre se llamaba Tede" (his name was Tede), its main character a fictional Nicaraguan. His name was Tede, as in Tede Matthews, the gay writer, activist and organizer who died Saturday, July 17, here in San Francisco, of AIDS.

How did Tede's name find its way into print in that Central American country, where a few years ago no one even mentioned the existence of gay or lesbian people, let alone published stories about us in mainstream magazines? No doubt the author met Tede Matthews during one of his many trips to Nicaragua. Probably he remembered Tede in the same way many of us do here: as a gay man who was never ashamed to talk about it, no matter what the context, even as other U.S. leftists cringed and wished for a little more cultural sensitivity. We may have had cultural sensitivity, but Tede had guts.

Tede had the kind of guts that let him stand up to the police and mafia in the bad old bar days in Boston. The kind of guts it takes to convince the FBI—when they're looking for you because you're dodging the draft and they find you in bed with your lover—that they just missed the guy they're after by half an hour. The kind of guts that let you tuck away your dick, put on a pair of tits, and work the streets as a woman. Tede had the kind of guts that make you think maybe you could learn to be that brave yourself.

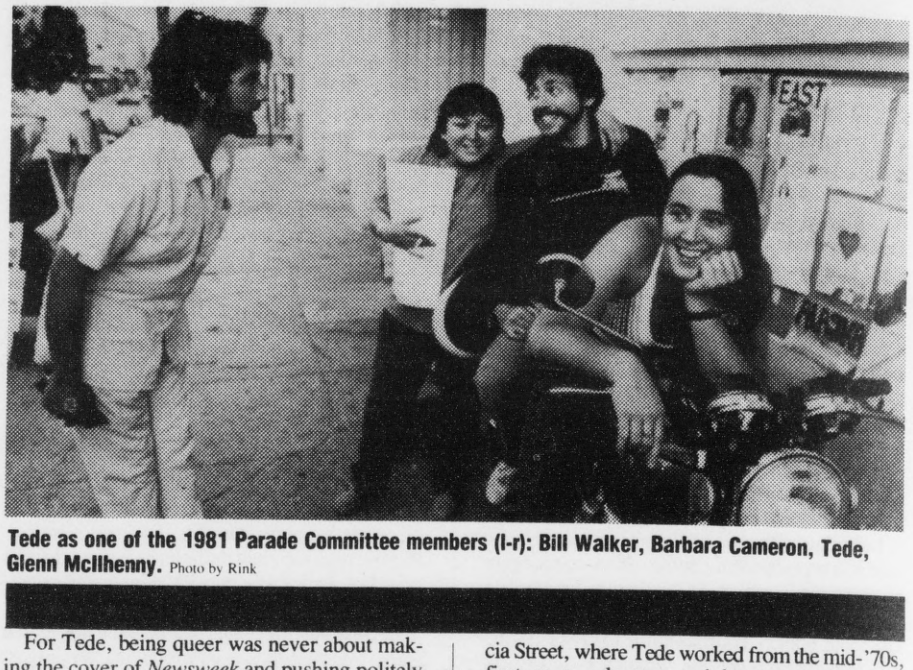
Tede started things and stirred things up. Newly arrived in San Francisco, he led a boycott of a Castro bar whose dress code (no open-toed shoes, no high heels and no floppy knit hats) was used to keep out women, drag queens and Black men. With 35 others, he risked a couple of years in jail by sitting in at the State Building demanding the governor give clemency to Inez Garcia (who had shot her rapist). He led a troupe of drag queen actors in guerrilla theater, performing at demonstrations against the war in Vietnam and against Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet.

Tede helped found Bay Area Gay Liberation (BAGL) in the '70s, Lesbians and Gays Against Intervention (LAGAI) in the '80s and worked with the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) in the '90s. The man never let up. He insisted—even face to face with Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega himself—that the revolutionary government must embrace its lesbian and gay citizens. And he insisted that lesbians and gays in this country do something to stop the wars our government wages against the poor who rise up anywhere in the world.

Tede had connections all over the world, and he always wanted you to do something about them. He was in your face or on your answering machine all the time: There's this gay Mexican playwright who's got AIDS; we're doing a benefit. You have to come. They're killing gays in Colombia; we're doing a letter writing campaign. You have to write something. We're raising money for Rebecca, or Jan, or Tony; she's going to Nicaragua or El Salvador or South Africa or Cuba. The party's on Saturday. You have to come. Tede didn't care how tired or burned out you were; you wrote, you went.

Of course Tede had connections here as well, including his lover and life partner Chuck Barragan, with whom he lived for more than nine years. A wide circle of friends who might never have known each other met through Tede: writers and artists from all over the United States and Latin America, activists and propagandists. He made a great effort to include people who were often swept aside—the shy, the inarticulate, the disenfranchised and apathetic.

Many people remember Tede as the long-haired hippie in the skirt who appeared in *Word Is Out*, a gay liberation film of the '70s. Tede lived in drag for several years. He worked as a prostitute and he understood something about how little respect and value the world accords women. Maybe that is why he had so many lesbian friends, including separatists. A lot of lesbians counted Tede as their only male friend. There was a time when drag queens were anathema to many feminists, representing as we believed the perfect symbol of men's contempt for women. Tede challenged us to recognize our commonality with these men who bent the bars of the gender cage, at the same time he challenged the other queens to learn to be with women.



Tede as one of the 1981 Parade Committee members (l-r): Bill Walker, Barbara Cameron, Tede, Glenn McIlhenny. Photo by Rink

For Tede, being queer was never about making the cover of *Newsweek* and pushing politely at the limits of tolerance. He understood the challenge queer people present to the whole shoddy, hateful construction of gender. In the '70s, he helped found *Fag Rag*, a magazine devoted to reclaiming and building a literature on the sleazy, sexy parts of being queer—the cocksucking and asslicking and gender bending that made being gay more than a lavender imitation of heterosexuality. How sad it is today that our so-called gay leaders have decided the most important challenge we can present to the people who run this country is the demand to kill and die for United States business interests, just like everyone else.

Tede was a gossip queen, always eager to hear or pass on the latest bit of dish in English, or *chisme en espanol*, whether about small press publishing in the U.S. or the lesbian community in Managua. Telephone, teletype, tell-a-queen, he used to say. This wasn't malice or mischief-making, although he wasn't above mixing a bit of dirt with the dish on occasion. But Tede loved gossip for the same reason that he loved politics, for the same reason he wrote and did theater and organized: because he was passionate about and fascinated by people's lives.

Many people, especially new arrivals from Latin America, describe Tede as the first person they met in San Francisco. Often these meetings took place at Modern Times Bookstore on Valencia Street, where Tede worked from the mid-'70s, first as a volunteer and later as a collective member. He built a spectacular collection of Spanish language books, traveling to book fairs in Mexico and Managua to increase the stock. This collection is a resource today, not only for Latin Americans and North Americans who've traveled south, but for the Spanish-speaking people of the Mission District.

Tede had a genius for connecting people who thought they had nothing in common, often by sheer force of will. He insisted the white gay community pay attention to a world outside the United States and to the realities of people of color here, and he helped organize groups and coalitions to make it happen. He expected the straight left, in this country and others, to embrace lesbian and gay liberation as an essential goal, not as an afterthought.

One night a few years ago, a strange mix of people, queers and straight leftists, feminists and solidarity activists, attended Volcanto, a cultural event Tede had organized to celebrate July 19, the anniversary of the Nicaraguan revolution. Two Nicaraguans—one lesbian and one gay man—spoke about their Nicaraguan lives and their hope that people like us might bring the U.S. war against their country to an end. There was singing and poetry. Somehow Tede had persuaded a resolutely apolitical group of Nicaraguan drag queens from the India Bonita bar to contribute their drag show to a celebration of a revolution in a country they hadn't seen in years. Just as the house lights went down, an older Latin man and woman walked in, she carrying a bunch of red roses for one of the performers. Tede had made it possible for them to see their son perform in a real theater, and they were very proud of him.

At the end of the evening the lights came up, and the Nicaraguan lesbian who had spoken earlier looked into the face of the old man. Suddenly we watched them fly across the stage and into each others' arms. He had driven her school bus when she was a little girl in Nicaragua. Tede had drawn these unlikely people together, to an unlikely place, where it became more than all right, it became a glorious thing to be a lesbian or a drag queen or a revolutionary—or to love one.

Many people knew Tede through his writing. When he died, he was working on a collection of poems and two novels. Some of us will remember him best, though, as an organizer. Because what is an organizer, after all, but a person who unveils to disenfranchised individual human beings the tremendous power that lies at our unexpected points of connection? Tede himself was such a point, a hub in the turning wheel, and we will miss him very badly.

A celebration of Tede's life will be held Sunday, Aug. 22, at Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St. at 7 pm. On Saturday, Sept. 11 at the SF Women's Building, a benefit "Sisters for a Brother" will be held with writers including June Jordan, Dorothy Allison and Cherrie Moraga. Proceeds from this benefit will be donated to a Tede Matthews Fund to continue some of the political work Tede began. ✿

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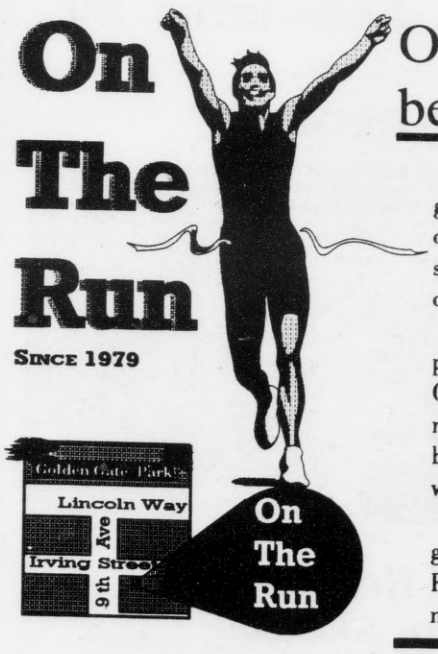

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straight talk! by nan parks

What's a straight housewife doing writing a column for the biggest homosexual paper in town? Well, I was having dinner with my husband Doug and my sister Carol—who's lesbian—and we were talking...well we were arguing...and I said I have half a mind to write a letter to you folks (because Carol had the *San Francisco Bay Times* with that cover picture of the heterosexuals) and Doug said "Go ahead honey—tell 'em what you think and see if they're big enough to print it!" and I said "Alright I will!"

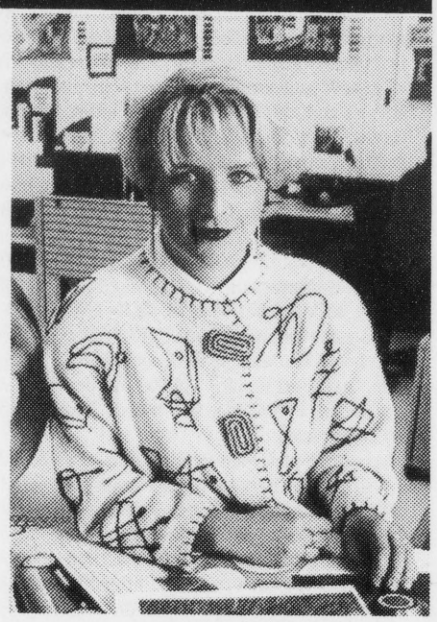
I should say first that I may be straight but I am NOT homophobic. After all, my younger sister is gay, and while it was a shock at first of course, Doug and I have always, always given Carol all the love and support we could—even though we still have our differences of course—but I have even stood up for Carol against Mom— which is NO SMALL FEAT!—as even Carol can admit. So I'm on your side so to speak.

But there are just some things I'll never understand (and I'm not talking about the sex part) and there are some things you people out there just don't understand about us. So now, I'm not a professional writer, but since this paper seems to have quite a few points of view (Carol gave Doug and me a subscription a couple of years ago, and in fact it's not a bad paper, I mean it's pretty reasonable, and I think it's very good on AIDS matters although I can't get through *AIDS Treatment News*—which is so technical), I thought "Why shouldn't they have a little glimpse into the 'normal' (you know what I mean) world?" So here I am!

(One thing I'll never understand, although it's not really the point of the column, but Carol has NEVER been able to explain this: if lesbians like women, and gay men like men, why do lesbians like gay men and vice versa? I mean, it's nice that they do, don't misunderstand me, but if they like each other so much, why aren't gay men friends at least with straight women and why doesn't Carol have any straight male friends? She doesn't have ONE, except Doug sort of. I'm not talking about the sex part. Anyway).

Well, first of all, I want to mention that cover last month. Now, I am NOT without a sense of humor. (Ask Carol even—just as proof by the way, Doug and I were at a barbeque with friends a couple of weekends ago, and our friend Mike dared me to push him into the pool fully dressed with things in his pocket and everything, and I didn't even hesitate and you can bet none of the other wives would have done it, so in my crowd I'm considered on the wild side you see—it's all a matter of context since in your crowd I'd be a dowdy housewife— anyway).

Well, back to the cover, because I for one was glad to see the *Newsweek* story on lesbians, as I love my sister very much and I KNOW she's a good person. And I would have THOUGHT after all your talk on being invisible and so forth that you folks would be pleased with it as well! But



it seems like you folks are never happy about anything! You're mad when the world ignores you and you're mad when you're on the cover of *Newsweek*! I know Carol was mad because she said the whole story stereotyped lesbians and was really simplistic what with the glossary and all. And then she said the women on the cover were not representative of "real lesbians" because they looked so nice or whatever. Well what's all this supposed to mean? The world has got to start paying attention somewhere right? There has to be a first cover story! I asked Carol if she wanted women who looked more like men on the cover of *Newsweek* and then she accused ME of stereotyping when all I was trying to do was make a point.

Now I'm sort of on the "inside" because of Carol, but I'll tell you some of my friends didn't know that lesbians could look like us even though you hear the "we are everywhere" stuff, but for example, Lois and I met in the Safeway and we were looking at it and she said— as a joke—that if she had seen lesbians that attractive before she married her husband Ted, she might have become one! (She and Ted do not have the best marriage), but she meant it as a compliment to lesbians if you know what I mean.

So just when it would seem that someone in the "mainstream," i.e. *Newsweek*, was saying something positive, I see the *San Francisco Bay Times* make fun of it and make fun of heterosexuals in general as if we're all your enemies which we're NOT! So you stereotyped us, as it were—as I told Carol, and she said "So how do YOU like it!" which was not constructive.

So here's my first column, and I hope some of you will see that straight people aren't all that bad and maybe we can all learn something about each other! That's my goal. ✿

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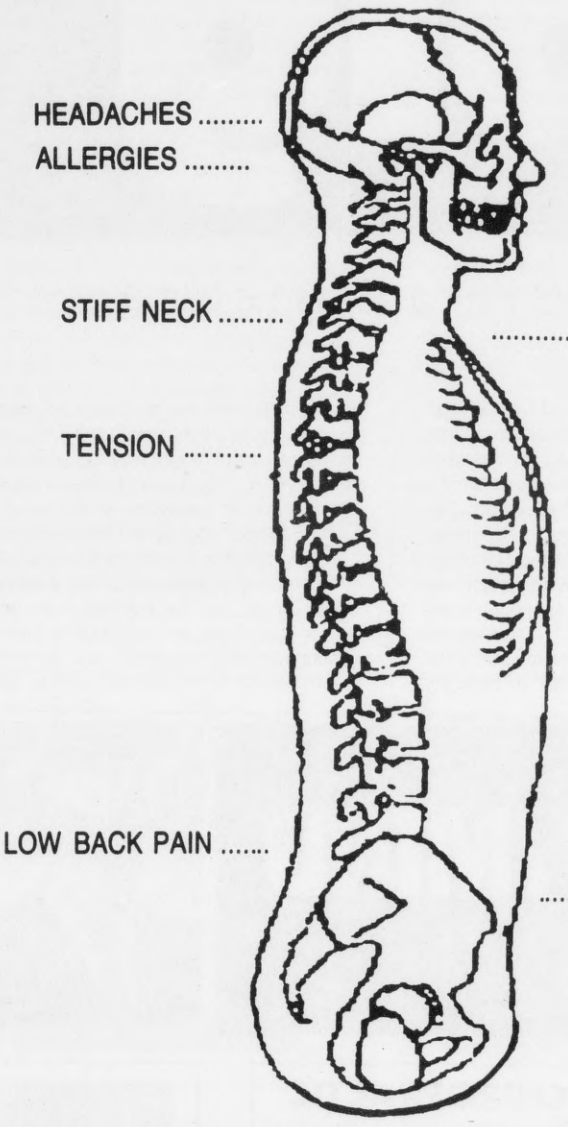

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At the beginning of this year I went through a mild and somewhat willful depression, during which I watched a great deal of television. Toward the end of this spell I told a friend that, although I was feeling generally better, I was going through a "bad body-image period" (Jesus, do I really talk like that? I've been living in California too long) which I thought was at least partly brought on by spending hours slumped on the couch watching TV, snacking and not moving very much. My friend thought about this for a moment and suggested that, perhaps, my unhappiness with my body was not so much a result of sitting on the couch snacking for hours and more a result of watching lots and lots of very thin people on TV. (I don't know why he thought he had to tell me something so obvious. I'm sure I'd have figured it out myself in a couple of years.)

When I tell people how much I weigh, they are almost inevitably surprised. In fact, I rarely weigh myself at all, and am not sure what my exact weight is as of this writing, because I myself am almost inevitably surprised—and not pleasantly so—to see the actual number staring me in the face. Irrefutably, undeniably—like a rude acquaintance telling you bald facts about yourself without even trying to be tactful.

Here's why I think this surprise takes place. I look, dress, carry myself, think of myself, live in my body in a certain way. I usually like myself and usually enjoy my body. I enjoy sex and think of myself as desirable. I dress to call attention to myself and to my body, not to hide it. On good days I swagger a bit and flirt a lot. If you saw me on the street or at a party, you might find me attractive, or you might not. Depending on how I was feeling when I got dressed that morning, you'd probably think of me as either relaxed and easygoing or as gaudy and outrageous. Your physical impression would most likely be of a short, solidly built woman, fairly compact, lots of curves on a square frame, great tits, curvy legs, short dark hair and big dark eyes, and a big dumb grin and loud laugh. You would probably not guess that, at five-feet-two-inches, I weigh close to 200 pounds.

I believe that you wouldn't guess this because most people have a mental image of what a woman who is five-feet-two-inches and weighs close to 200 pounds looks like. I have one myself. It doesn't look very much like me, but it's nonetheless quite vivid. The image is gross and depressing, an unhappy woman with low self-esteem and no discipline, gone to seed and sad indulgence. The reason that I rarely weigh myself (and try not to watch too much television) is that it's far too common, when I'm feeling tired and weak and worried about what people think, to look in the mirror and see that picture imposed on my body.

Now, seeing an image in the mirror other than the one that's actually present would, on the surface, seem to be a disturbing or even terrifying experience, the kind of stuff you see in trashy psycho-horror films about demon spirits from beyond the grave invading the minds of teenage girls. In fact, this experience is one that I have had more or less consistently throughout my adult life.

I can remember looking in the mirror at 19 years and a hundred pounds, seeing an image of what I thought five-feet-two-inches and a hundred pounds looked like on a 19-year-old girl: ripe, nubile, slender, sexy, energetic, the apex of female desirability.

As I gained years and pounds, that image stayed on to scold and tease me with what I could supposedly become again with just a little hard work and sacrifice. It wasn't until friends told me how they thought I had looked at that time—scrawny, emaciated and tense—that I remembered what it had actually felt like to live in my body then. At age 19, I smoked heavily, drank way too much coffee, took lots and lots of harsh drugs, got very little sleep, worked and played too hard, and drove myself to my absolute physical limit as a matter of daily routine. It's no wonder I weighed a hundred pounds; I'm surprised I didn't weigh less. I was exhausted, strained, nervous, jumpy, distracted, repressed and unhappy. To say that I was out of touch with my body would be like saying that Caligula was out of touch with the Marxist ideal. But hey—I was thin.

Now, I can say these things. I can say them truthfully, I can say them convincingly, and I can even believe them myself; and they can still not make very much difference. Because right next to the perception of big women as ridiculous is the perception of big women asserting their attractiveness and desirability as even more ridiculous. In films or books or on TV, if a big woman says she's horny, talks about cute guys, or in any way acts as if she has a sex life, 90 percent of the time it's played for laughs or pathos or both. She's seen as either self-deluded or saving face, deceiving either herself or others into denying the obvious, indisputable, objectively true fact that she is big and therefore not attractive to anyone except weirdos. It's a very frustrating double twist. Big women are told that our bodies are repulsive and our sexuality is crippled; when we insist that this isn't our experience, we're told that this insistence is pathetic and laughable. Our sexuality is denied, and our assertion of our sexuality is then seen as denial. Our defense against the accusation is seen as proof of its accuracy.

The funny thing is this. I'm queer. (No, that's not the funny thing, that's probably the most normal thing about me.) I am attracted to and like to have sex with other women. I am particularly at-

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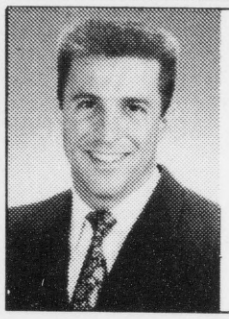

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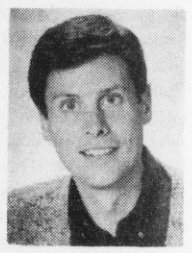
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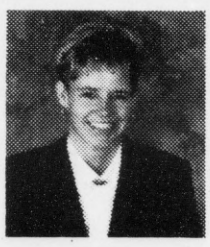

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tracted to other big women (although not exclusively so). Oddly enough—or maybe not so oddly—I am extra-particularly attracted to women who are built somewhat like me. I like fleshy women, grabbable women, women with some meat on their bones. I like big breasts and round bellies and strong thighs and nice wide shapely asses that you can sink your fingers into. There's no question of denial or self-deception or wishful thinking here—we're talking 100 percent pure and natural heart-pounding, clit-thumping, head-swiveling lust.

So here's the funny thing (this is definitely it, the funny thing is coming right up): I have learned to convince myself of my own sexuality by a peculiar sort of proxy. Since I have terrible trouble believing in my own desirability, but no trouble at all believing in the desirability of other big women, what I wind up doing is seeking sexual affirmation, not by looking in the mirror, but by looking at other women who look like me. When I catch myself drooling over some hot babe with a nice meaty body that I'd really like to get my hands on, I remind myself that other people probably feel the same way about me.

"Well, duh," I hear you cry. "It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that out." And yet I have to consciously and deliberately remind myself of it. It's such a patently obvious thought process that you'd think it would happen automatically.

But it doesn't happen that way at all. I'll tell you what happens automatically. Looking in the mirror and thinking, "Hey, whatta babe," and having that thought immediately followed by a derisive, "Who do you think you're kidding?" That's what happens automatically. The self-appreciation takes practice; the self-derision happens at the drop of a hat.

I wonder, sometimes, how straight women deal with this stuff. They don't have the benefit of the "I have the hots for her, she's a lot like me, therefore other people probably have the hots for me" equation. Plus, they have to actually deal with straight men all the time: they date them and sleep with them and listen to them babble about Michelle Pfeiffer. I don't know how they stay sane.

One of the reasons why I don't sleep with men much, even though I am bisexual and not a lesbian, is that I've found, as a gross unfair reverse-sexist generalization, that dykes are far more tolerant and appreciative of other women's bodies than straight men are. Sure, there are exceptions; I know dykes with plenty of snot-ball attitude about women who aren't "fit and trim," and I know, and have in fact slept with, men who like me the way I am and want to fuck me because of my body and not in spite of it. But exceptions are exceptions. They do show that my generalizations are just generalizations; they don't show that, as generalizations, they're in any way inaccurate.

This whole mess is made even more complicated and fucked up by the fact that there's not just one false image in the mirror. There are at least two, probably more. The ugly picture of the depressing fat woman that I'm afraid I've become is frequently accompanied by the beautiful picture of the exciting thin woman that I fear I've lost forever. At times in my life when I've been dieting and trying to lose weight, the sensation has been most peculiar—resisting one mirror image, yearning for another.

Getting dressed in the morning becomes a daily exercise in hallucinatory self-imagery. I pick up an item of clothing, imagining what it will look like on the slender sylph-like creature that I long for; then, when I put it on, I'm mocked by the hideous blob-monster that I'm sure I am. Not a lot of room in there for a simple glance in the mirror to see what I actually look like before I head out the door. What I actually look like is meaningless, crowded out by the apparitions that inhabit the mirror-world. It's one of the reasons why I like to change my look a lot—cut my hair short, let it grow long, bleach it blonde, dye it blue, dye it black, dye it brown again. The shock of seeing the new image jolts me into seeing what's really there.

Out of all the ideas that are out there about big women, one in particular gets me seriously peeved: The idea that all big women use food as a substitute pleasure for sex. We either can't or won't have sex, the thinking goes; we're either afraid of sex for whatever the trendy neurotic reason of the month is, so we eat instead and get fat, or we can't get sex because we're fat and nobody wants us, so we eat instead and get fatter. In addition to the obvious fucked-upedness of the assumption that fat women don't have sex, there is a seriously twisted fucked-upedness to the assumption that one pleasure should have to substitute for another. The implication of food-as-substitute-for-sex is that the two pleasures are mutually exclusive (for women, anyway); that the enjoyment of one pleasure necessitates the sacrifice of the other (for women, anyway); and that deprivation is an inherent component of sensual enjoyment (for women, anyway).

I can't tell you how mad that makes me. I want to know who made up these rules. I want to know who decided that I can't have both food and sex. I want to know who decided that I can't enjoy getting fucked *and* enjoy eating brownies. I want to find out who made up this stuff. And then I want to shoot them.

Please understand that I am not simply accusing Society. As much as I would like to believe otherwise, I must acknowledge that criticizing Society does not set me apart from it. I am, however much I may dislike this fact, a member of my culture. I don't simply absorb its tenets passively and against my will; I also act to perpetuate them, even those I oppose. God knows I've spent long conversations railing against the arbitrary and oppressive standards of beauty in our culture, only to turn around and dish someone for being too fat or too skinny or poorly dressed or having a bad haircut. It's not just some internalized yet somehow detached Society that jeers at me when I look in the mirror; I do plenty of jeering on my own. ("J'accuse," I cry, pointing the finger of judgment at myself, and thus judged, I cringe and cower and agonize about it for hours with my downstairs neighbor.)

I saw a film recently called *Leaving Normal*, a film in which most of the primary characters are women (a rare and startling phenomenon—I think I saw a two-headed calf that same night). In this film there appears a secondary character, a woman who shows up for a short time in the lives of the two main characters and then disappears. This woman is a very large woman, a fat woman, who keeps saying to herself and everyone around her that she knows she is a beautiful, special person who deserves to be loved.

When we first meet this woman, she seems a bit silly, spouting platitudes and affirmations and new-age power-of-positive-thinking blather in the face of some dreadful upsets and the obviously insurmountable obstacle of her fatness. The movie carries on this way for a bit, and then, at a small-town holiday celebration in a park, while seated at a picnic table with her two slim and attractive newfound friends, a man comes over to the table and gracefully, respectfully and adoringly, tells her that she is simply the most beautiful woman he has ever seen in his life, and asks if she will honor him with the next dance. In that moment, you see he is right—and that she was right all along. She is beautiful, she is special, and she does deserve to be loved by this gentle and lovely man.

This moment struck me most oddly and very strongly. It wasn't so much that the filmmakers skillfully took the prejudices of the audience, twisted them, and tossed them gently back into our collective face. It wasn't so much that they managed to show a rather subtle something about how people see each other by letting you believe, for a while, that everything you know is right after all, and then plucking your complacency from you like a flower. What struck me was that it worked on me. I sat in that audience, a big woman who knows she is beautiful, and I watched that character, a big woman who knows she is beautiful. And, until a man came along and confirmed it, I didn't believe what she insisted was true about herself.

So I'm not perfect. Big deal. It's not going to stop me from scolding Society and telling it to stand in a corner.

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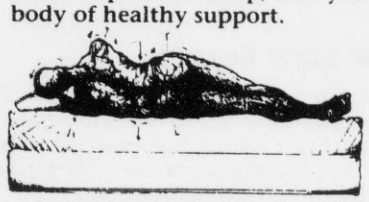

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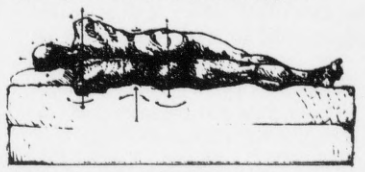

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Leaders Want Lump on Rights Commish Removed

SAN FRANCISCO - Supervisor Terence Hallinan introduced a resolution on July 19 calling on Eugene Lumpkin to resign from the city Human Rights Commission because of a homophobic statement the minister made in a recent newspaper article about the Black gay community.

"Eugene Lumpkin has, by his words and demeanor, undermined the role and responsibilities of the Human Rights Commission," said Hallinan, "and his statements and actions have resulted in a lack of confidence in the commission's ability to perform its duties."

In the newspaper article, Lumpkin said that "the homosexual lifestyle is an abomination against God." The resolution now goes to committee for public hearings.

Meanwhile, United in Spirit, a local clergy/layperson organization, joined a growing list of individuals and organizations calling for Lumpkin's removal from the commission. Mayor Frank Jordan has said that he will not oust the homophobe from office. Incidentally, the Mayor also says he supports lesbians and gays.

More Military Hoopla

WASHINGTON - Only days after President Bill Clinton announced his "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" compromise on the lifting of the ban against homos in the military, Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif) introduced legislation to reduce the Department of Defense budget by the amount it spends each year to discharge gay and lesbian servicemembers. The bill also reduces the Department of Transportation budget, since that agency oversees the Coast Guard.

"This bill sends the Pentagon a clear message that Congress will not tolerate the military spending millions of dollars in taxpayers' money on an internal war against gay and lesbian servicemembers," said Woolsey.

"President Clinton's policy for gays and lesbians in the military, if implemented and enforced fairly, should result in a reduction of military witch hunts," continued Woolsey. "My bill will serve as an incentive for the military to not waste its money on unnecessary and unwarranted investigations of gay and lesbian personnel."

Woolsey's was not the only congressional action addressing this issue. The Senate Armed Services Committee formally endorsed the Clinton "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, adding it to the defense budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

Meanwhile, Clinton's policy was condemned by a host of politicians and organizations, including U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif), U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif) and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Eleven activists, including gay and lesbian vets and the leaders of several national organizations, were arrested outside the White House following a July 20 demo against the policy.

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund promised a legal challenge to Clinton's wimpy compromise, worked out with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and congressional bigots such as Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga).

That policy, in a nutshell, is that gays and lesbians can serve in the military as long as they don't tell anyone they're queer. They can, however, go to gay bars or march in a civil rights demo. But no sex. In exchange, the military promises no more witch hunts merely on the grounds of sexual orientation.

Congressmember Gerry Studds (D-Mass.), an out gay man, said, "Despite our misgivings, I continue to work with the administration in the hope that the policy eventually adopted by the president would afford lesbians and gay men a reasonable level of dignity and freedom in their private lives." Studds hastened not to condemn Clinton himself, but the "bigotry and intransigence of others."

The other out gay congressmember, Barney Frank (D-Mass.), feels that while the new policy falls short of what he wanted, anything more "would have been lost" in the Congress.

David Mixner, the gay man who helped raise millions for Clinton's campaign last fall, said, "With strong presidential leadership, there is no question that we could have had the votes to win" against any congressional repeal of an executive order.

Interestingly enough, other countries allow gays and lesbians to serve in the military without any hoopla. Examples: Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Canada, Norway and Israel.

Colorado Court Upholds Injunction

DENVER - The Colorado Supreme Court upheld a preliminary injunction blocking the enforcement of Amendment 2, the anti-gay-rights initiative passed last November. The amendment prohibits the state of Colorado and its agencies from passing laws and policies protecting gays/lesbians/bisexuals from discrimination.

Agreeing with the trial court—which ordered the state's governor and attorney general not to enforce the anti-gay law—the Supreme Court found that Amendment 2 infringed upon the fundamental right of lesbians/gays/bisexuals to participate meaningfully in the political process. It also indicated that unless the state shows a compelling justification at the upcoming trial, it will find the amendment unconstitutional.

Said Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund lawyer Suzanne Goldberg, "Because the Colorado Supreme Court is the first state high court to consider the constitutionality of an anti-gay initiative, the decision deals an important legal and political blow to anti-gay initiative efforts throughout the U.S."

Lambda, along with the American Civil Liberties Union and the Colorado Legal Initiatives Project, are counsel on the suit challenging Amendment 2.

In related news, the Pilobolus Dance Theatre announced that it will not make any future appearances in Colorado in support of the national boycott of that state. Though the company must fulfill a performance obligation made before the passage of Amendment 2, in a statement it said, "Pilobolus will not engage in any new contracts to appear in Colorado until Amendment 2 is overturned."

NOW Urges Boycott

LARAMIE - The National Organization for Women/Wyoming Chapter wants to boycott a Laramie-based insurance company that won't hold its convention at the site of a gay ski weekend.

The Mountain States Farm Bureau's convention will be held, instead, in Steamboat Springs, Colo., where gays feel considerably less welcome since the passage of Amendment 2 (see item above). The gay ski event is scheduled for Jan. 15-22 in Park City, Utah, the chosen alternate for its usual location in Colorado.

NOW wants a boycott of Mountain States until "it changes its discriminatory policy" toward queers.

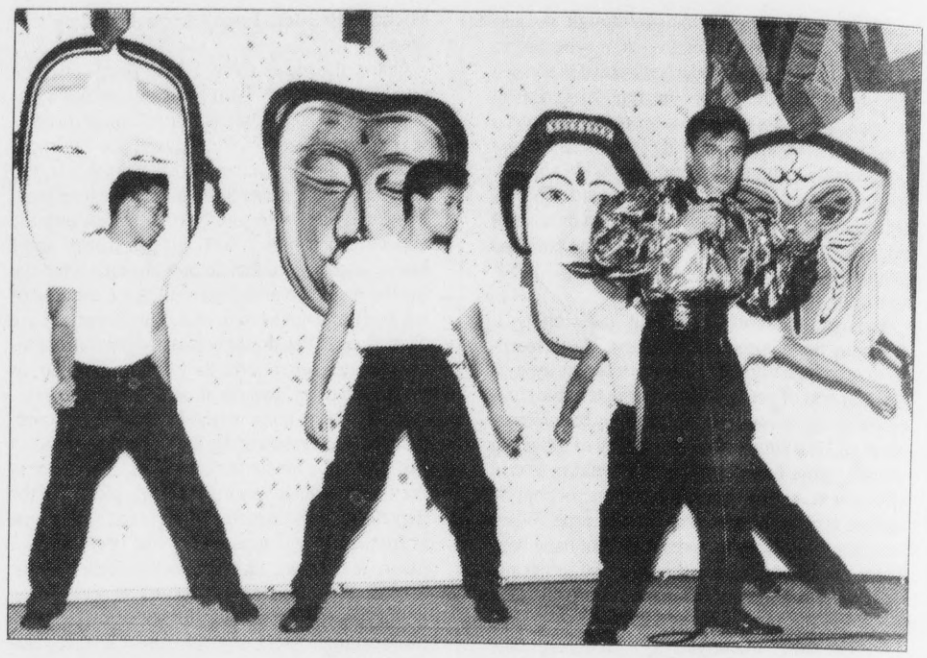
Update on the Fundies In San Jose

SAN JOSE - Tired of those Operation Rescue fundies who hassled the Abortion Acceptance Center in San Jose during its July 9-18 "Cities of Refuge" actions? Well, they're not going away.

Operation Rescue says it will stay in San Jose indefinitely. Though the group was unsuccessful in shutting down the Center (19 fundies were arrested in the attempt), the group has promised smaller attacks on clinics.

The Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights (BACORR) says it is prepared to mobilize thousands of pro-choice people who joined them in defending the San Jose clinic. "We won't allow these antiabortion cowards to come into our communities and try to deny us access to what little health care we have," says Rachel Jackson of BACOOR.

For more info on BACOOR actions, call (415) 252-0750.



Gene Flores and the Threeway Dancers at GAPA's menage a trois benefit party for the Living Well program. Photo by Rink

Elders Endorsed

WASHINGTON - The National Minority AIDS Council, a national organization representing over 350 minority community-based groups, endorsed Dr. Joycelyn Elders for U.S. Surgeon General. Elders, the outspoken head of the Arkansas Health Department for the past five years, has AIDS policies that speak to the needs of the people, according to her promoters.

"She is not only a fearless voice in the fight against HIV/AIDS," says Paul Akio Kawata, director of the Council, "but is a realist with sound public health policies."

Elders has not shied away from controversy, unlike the ex-Arkansas governor who nominated her. She has endorsed condom distribution in schools and needle exchange programs.

The Genetics of It All

WASHINGTON - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) says it has mixed feelings about the National Institutes of Health (NIH) findings that a correlation exists between a specific chromosomal region in human males and homosexuality. The findings were released in the July 16 issue of *Science*.

While NGLTF supports scientific research into the complexity of human sexuality, it is concerned with possible uses of such research.

"The NIH study is an important addition to the growing body of evidence proving a genetic basis for homosexuality in some people," said Peri Jude Radecic, NGLTF deputy director of public policy. "And it shows that homosexuality is a naturally occurring and common variation among humans—a fact that gay and lesbian people have known all along."

"Regardless of the origins of homosexuality, however, discrimination based on sexual orientation is wrong and must end," she continued. "This is especially true to avoid potential genetic engineering if science should ever discover a gene responsible for homosexuality."

That's the crux of the gay leaders' reservations about the study: science will one day find a way to fix the gene, so that humans never become queer.

Budget Fiasco I: WAC Delivers Bodies to City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO - Following a July 26 rally in which the Women's Action Coalition (WAC) called for a restoration of the public health budget, members delivered the "bodies" of dead women to the Board of Supervisors.

According to WAC, the board has reduced the budget to a series of misleading numbers and factoids which obscure its impact on real people. "Women will die of cancer, domestic violence, TB, AIDS, suicide, malnutrition, drug abuse and poverty if the supervisors do not take immediate action to enact progressive revenue plans which sustain vital health services for women," the group said in a statement.

The board recently cut $25 million from health care in the budget, including funds for the Women's Rape Center at SF General.

Budget Fiasco II: City Hall Tours

SAN FRANCISCO - Fifty health-care advocates, activists and community leaders from City Hall Tours were arrested in acts of civil disobedience in the rotunda of San Francisco's City Hall on July 26 to protest the budget fiasco. The Board of Supervisors recently cut $25 million from health care services in the budget.

Among the group's demands: that the board initiate a plan to secure all of the health services cut by Mayor Frank Jordan; that the board issue a statement guaranteeing all revenue generated for health services be given to the Health Commission and the Health Department for them to allocate; and that the board develop long-range planning for the protection of public health services against future cuts.

Said Annette Gaudino of City Hall Tours, "Where's the leadership from the board to prevent this needless heartache from happening again and again?" Damn good question.

Black Gays Denied Space

CHICAGO - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's new regional office in Chicago has its first case, representing the Ad Hoc Committee of Proud Black Lesbians and Gay Men in a suit against Chicago Defender Charities, which denied the group's application to participate in the city's annual Bud Billiken Parade and Picnic.

The Bud Billiken event is billed as the country's largest parade in the African American community. The Ad Hoc Committee's application was rejected based on "space, time and manpower constraints." But a virtually identical application submitted under the name "Diverse Black Role Models" one month later—and two days before the deadline— was granted immediately. No mention was made of lesbians and gays in the second application.

Says Lisa Marie Pickens of the Ad Hoc Committee, "We are part of the African American community and should not be excluded from the ...parade any more than African Americans should be excluded from parades organized by

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THEIR SILENCE IS COLLABORATION

Mayor Frank Jordan thinks it's appropriate to appoint a homophobe to serve on the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. Some members of that commission, as well as some of the lesbian, gay, and bisexual members of the Jordan administration, have taken a public stand against their boss and his bigotry. Others have not ...

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Elections

Barbara Cameron
Status of Women

Debra Chasnoff
Film and Video

Steve Coulter
Library

David Detrick
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Robert Dockendorff
Veterans' Affairs

Vivian Hammill
Rent

Constance Hiatt
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Pierre Luddington
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Fire

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Juanita Owens
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We demand that every Human Rights Commissioner and all lesbian, gay, and bisexual members of the Jordan administration publicly end their silence before the next Human Rights Commission meeting on August 12. Each of these individuals must take an ultimatum to their boss: Either City Hall is a place for anti-gay bigotry or it is a place for social justice. Frank Jordan must make a choice.

IT'S TIME TO BAN BIGOTRY FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

IT'S TIME TO TAKE A STAND.

If you support our demand that Mayor Jordan stop promoting anti-gay bigotry on the Human Rights Commission, call the commissioners at (415) 255-2500. And attend the next commission meeting on August 12, starting at 4:30 p.m. at 25 Van Ness, Suite 800.

Ad endorsed by:
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Roberta and Mary at the latest and greatest farewell party and benefit for BALIF and NCLR. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

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other groups."

The parade folks, meanwhile, say that they do not discriminate against lesbians and gay men.

Streisand to Direct Lesbian Film

SEATTLE - Barbra Streisand and Glenn Close will team up for a TV movie about Margarethe Cammermeyer, the lesbian who was tossed out of the National Guard after coming out.

Close is set to play the lead in the movie that will air in the fall of 1994. According to La Streisand, "This is a story that throws light on one of the most important issues of our time."

Cammermeyer said that she is behind the telling of her story. "Hopefully, this will help break the stigma that people seem so bound to maintain that makes us so frightening to them."

Of late, Streisand has been particularly vocal on gay/lesbian rights issues, especially the passage of the anti-gay rights law Amendment 2 in Colorado.

Pansy Division Runs Afoul of Law

JUPITER - Florida, that is, although one has to wonder when one reads this item. A store carrying the "Bill & Ted's Homosexual Adventure" EP of San Francisco queer band Pansy Division was forced to yank it off the racks after detectives said the cover of the EP may be obscene.

The cover features two men in an act of sex. Now the store, Music X-Change, has to keep the record behind the counter. Also pulled from the racks were Tribe 8 and the Mummies. An American Civil Liberties Union attorney has volunteered to defend the store owner.

As the rock group says in its press release, we in San Francisco should "be glad we live in another country." Incidentally, Jupiter is located 30 miles north of Fort Lauderdale, or just beyond Mars, depending on your perspective.

Parade Donations Up

SAN FRANCISCO - Attributing the success of this year's parade to a new site, a record-breaking crowd and perfect weather, the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration Committee announced that record donations will be made to local organizations.

Community United Against Violence (CUAV) staffed the crowd donation buckets and received a check for $6,260.08. This is about a 50 percent increase from last year's take. The parade committee also says that tentative financial reports indicate it may be possible to pay off the entire $50,000 debt left behind from the previous parade, and continue basic operations throughout Sept. 30.

Meanwhile, nominations for the board of directors will take place on Aug. 8 at parade offices, 205 13th Street at Mission. Positions are open for four females and four males as well as one male and one female alternate director.

For more info, call (415) 864-FREE.

Shanti Seeks New Director

SAN FRANCISCO - The Shanti Project, the agency that provides a variety of services to people with AIDS and their loved ones, has begun a national search for a new director to replace Eric Rofes, who resigned April 2. Paul Lambros is currently serving as interim director.

The board of Shanti has selected representatives of two executive recruitment firms who have offered their pro bono services to help conduct the search. They are Eunice Azzani, vice president of Korn Ferry International, and Steven Fogle, managing director at the Alexander Group.

Members of the community interested in providing input can call Azzani at (415) 956-1834 or Fogle at (415) 677-8668.

Vermont Upholds Hate Crimes Law

BURLINGTON - The Vermont Supreme Court rejected a constitutional challenge to the state's hate crimes law brought by a man convicted of assaulting a gay man near a Burlington gay bar in 1990.

The court's July 1 ruling held that the Vermont law does not violate a defendant's First Amendment right to free expression. The ruling was applauded by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which filed an amicus brief in the case.

Said Lambda attorney Suzanne Goldberg, "The court's ruling underscores the basic truth that bias-motivated violence against lesbians, gay men and others harms an entire society."

Dykes Gather in Berkshires

CUMMINGTON - Thousands of lesbians converged on this Massachusetts community in the Berkshires for the fourth annual Northampton Lesbian Festival.

The festival was held to discuss various issues, including how to educate the public about lesbianism. Of course, entertainment was also featured, as well as crafts made by lesbian artists.

"The whole lesbian scene is portrayed as being young, urban, trendy and white," said Martha Nelson, a Northampton business owner. "The reality is that it is as diverse as the population of the country." *Newsweek* notwithstanding.

Chiropractic Generosity

SAN FRANCISCO - Two chiropractic docs—Robin Silverman and Dennis Zinner—will donate $15,000 worth of services in exchange for food to be donated to Glide Memorial Church, which regularly feeds the homeless and the hungry.

On Aug. 21, the docs will give consultations, exams, spinal checkups and treatment when needed to persons who donate five pounds of food items for Glide. Says Silverman, "We feel that Glide does an outstanding job with the little resources they have and (we) want to lend our support."

Call in advance to schedule an appointment. The number's (415) 252-0443.

My Favorite Cop?

SAN FRANCISCO - The City's unique "My Favorite Cop" program celebrated its first anniversary with an awards luncheon July 28 at the Hyatt Regency. All 12 honorees for the past year were commended at the affair by the Mayor's office and the Police Commission.

"My Favorite Cops"—officers who take that extra step in the community—are chosen by ballots distributed by the San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and local media, with final selection by a panel of distinguished judges.

To date 175 officers have been nominated, including gay cop Ray Benson, of Mission Station.

Bits & Pieces I: Local

• On Aug. 28, the 30th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's historic march on Washington, the New Coalition of Conscience will hold a march and rally in San Francisco for jobs, justice and peace. Participants will gather at the Golden Gate Panhandle, Baker and Fell sts. 12 noon, and march to the Civic Center. The group says the cold war is over, so where is the war on racism, homophobia and sexism? Good question. Call (415) 928-0488 for more info.

• The Bay area contingent of the U.S.-Cuba Friendshipment, which will deliver medical and other humanitarian aid to Cuba in defiance of the 37-year-old U.S. blockade, left on July 21 with a press conference in the parking lot of the Cesar Chavez School in San Francisco. Vehicles from the Pacific Northwest will join the San Francisco caravan, then proceed through California and the Southwest, picking up more vehicles and aid. The aid will be transported to Tampico, where it will be loaded on a Cuban freighter and delivered to a coalition of Cuban churches.

• On July 30 from 5-8 pm the staff and board of the Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services will bid farewell to outgoing director Marj Plumb at the Green Room in the War Memorial Veteran's Building, 401 Van Ness at McAllister. The reception will feature music from Melanie DeMore and poetry by Jewelle Gomez. Tickets are $25. For more info, call (415) 565-7691.

• Rainbow Resources has produced the 1994 AIDS Memorial Poster/Calendar as a way of remembering those who have died and to help those who continue to live. Over 80 percent of all proceeds will be donated to AIDS support services. For $10 anyone can include the name of a friend on the memorial poster. For more info, call (510) 820-7683.

• John Laird, openly gay candidate for the 27th Assembly District (Santa Cruz), has gained the endorsements of public officials from throughout the country. They include: SF Supervisor Carole Migden; Karen Clark, Minnesota state representative; and David Scondras, Boston city councilmember.

• Persons with AIDS in the East Bay/Central Valley are getting emotional support through weekly telephone conferences. The East Bay Teleconference involves Latino men who are struggling with family and peer group stigmas against the disease and are reluctant to attend face-to-face meetings. The Central Valley teleconference focuses on rurally isolated persons with HIV and their caregivers. For more info on Group-Link, call (415) 621-5452.

• Senate Bill 559, sponsored by Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy and introduced by Sen. Diane Watson (D-L.A.), would require the office of the state attorney general to compile data on the incidence of hate crimes throughout the state. The measure was approved by the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

• The Gay Rescue Mission, which helps gay/lesbian/bisexual homeless folks, is reorganizing, and needs volunteers. Organized in 1983, the Mission has been overwhelmed by the epidemic of poverty. San Francisco has 6,000 homeless, 2,000 of whom are gay/lesbian/bisexual. To help, call (415) 863-2079.

• Seventeen thousand men, women and children from the Bay Area participated in the 7th annual AIDS Walk San Francisco, raising $2,606,642.

• Sister's been vindicated. All charges filed against Gil Block, aka Sister Sadie Sadie the Rabbi Lady, concerning his run for the Concord City Council, were dropped. Questions arose about Block's residency during the campaign.

• No surprise here: Pamela Chinnis, the first female president of the Episcopal Church's House of Deputies, which helps set policy for the church, was attacked by the denomination's right-wing for addressing the July 15-18 Integrity Convention. Integrity is the national organization of lesbians and gays in the Episcopal church.

• Saturday Aug. 21 from 10 am-4 pm is the time for the Harvey Milk Education Fund's ninth annual Women's Day Blood Drive at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in the Castro. Recognized for its contribution to the alleviation of transfusion costs to persons with HIV, the AIDS/ARC blood drive was established through the Club's lesbian caucus in 1985. For more info, call (415) 863-6761.

• Chez Panisse, Bay Wolf, Venezia, The Dining Room at The Shattuck Hotel, and ZZA's Trattoria held a benefit for The Center for AIDS Services on July 22. A percentage of each diner's check was contributed to the East Bay AIDS group, which offers free services to individuals living with HIV.

Bits & Pieces II: National

• Thomas F. Reed of Milwaukee, Wis., has been elected to the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund board of directors. Reed recently coordinated Miller Brewing Company's sponsorship of a fundraising reception for the Victory Fund in San Francisco honoring Roberta Achtenberg.

• A dentist who denied treatment to a person with AIDS has been ordered by the New York City Commission on Human Rights to pay compensatory damages for discriminatory practices after a successful prosecution by the commission's Law Enforcement Bureau. The dentist must pay the PWA's estate $7,500.

• The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), which has one million members, meeting in St. Louis July 15-20, reaffirmed its continuing support of gay rights, commended St. Louis for its gay rights laws, and urged "the enactment of laws at all levels of government which will ensure the civil rights and civil liberties of all persons, regardless of sexual orientation."

• The Hollywood Women's Political Committee, which played a key role in the 1992 elections, has endorsed Phil Angelides in his '94 bid for lieutenant governor of California. A spokesperson for the group says that Angelides helped elect two women U.S. senators and women candidates "up and down the state."

• Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York has appointed Beatrice Dohrn, a veteran poverty law and women's rights advocate, to the management position of legal director.

• The Uniformed Services Activity, a resource referral network and support group for military, law enforcement and emergency services personnel, has established a legal assistance clinic for HIV-positive patients at the Health Options and Positive Energy (HOPE) Foundation in Washington, D.C. HOPE is an open-door AIDS services clinic. For info, write: Uniformed Services Activity, Box 6057, Arlington, VA 22206.

• A fundie was tossed out of a picnic put on by Colorado Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell after he started handing out anti-gay brochures. Says Campbell, "His literature is the kind that wants discrimination, and it was not a place for hate propaganda."

• Rep. Paul Archetto of Rhode Island is still having troubles because of his vote against a state gay rights bill that went down in defeat. Recently, the Republican found tombstone-shaped signs on his lawn with such slogans as "No More Gay Teens Must Die." Archetto originally said he supported the bill, then changed his mind.

• In Jacksonville, Fla., Circuit Judge A.C. Soud told a gay divorced man that he gave up all rights to his children when he moved in with a lover who was HIV-infected. "His homosexual lifestyle," wrote Soud, "is so indicative of moral unfitness that it disqualifies his ability to live up to and perform the societal duty of parenting children."

• In Denver, a gay lawyer won a settlement against his former employer by using a state law that prohibits the firing of workers for lawful actions outside the workplace. The law has been used to protect smokers from being fired. "That's the interesting thing about laws," said a labor lawyer at the University of Colorado, "they can be used in ways you never intended them."

• The Josephine County Human Rights Alliance in Oregon is suing to determine whether the newly passed anti-gay rights law is constitutional. The law, the work of the infamous Oregon Citizens Alliance, was recently passed by voters. It prohibits the local government from passing laws outlawing discrimination against queers.

Bits & Pieces III: International

• Police in London have arrested Colin Ireland, a 39-year-old unemployed man with no address, in two of the five murders of men believed to be gay. Ireland came forward after police published the picture of a possible suspect.

Associated Press also contributed to this report. ✿

Mayor Jordan has entrusted your Human Rights to someone who says:

". . . the homosexual lifestyle is an abomination against God."

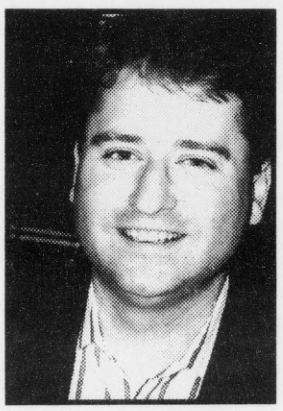
Mayor Frank Jordan appointed a self-described fundamentalist preacher, Rev. Eugene Lumpkin, quoted above, to San Francisco's Human Rights Commission. Rev. Lumpkin has suggested that AIDS is deserved punishment from God. The Human Rights Commission is specifically charged with protecting *all* San Franciscans from *all* forms of discrimination and ensuring that *all* people are treated with dignity, equality and respect.

Rev. Lumpkin is the latest in a parade of religious leaders who preach hate and divisiveness — and perpetuate the ignorant myth that lesbians and gay men are merely acting out a casually-chosen, sinful "lifestyle."

Rev. Lumpkin is entitled to his religious beliefs. But if he believes 100,000 San Franciscans are evil based solely on who they love, he is not qualified to serve in a sensitive and powerful position in a city committed to respecting the human rights of *all* people.

Join our community's leaders in telling Mayor Jordan:

"Bigotry in high office is an abomination against the people of San Francisco!"



"Too often the pulpit is the refuge of religious, racial and homophobic bigots. No one disputes their First Amendment rights, but no responsible elected official would ever appoint them to any public office — especially one charged with protecting human rights."

MATTHEW ROTHSCHILD, Chair, Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club

"Rev. Lumpkin justifies condemning our personhood, and condones the attitudes that divide our city and encourage hatred and violence against us. We must hold Mayor Jordan accountable."

GWENN CRAIG, Co-chair, Lesbians & Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action

"It is only a matter of time before Rev. Lumpkin's ideology will affect his voting. Our rights may suffer as a result, and that is what we risk by allowing him to remain on the Human Rights Commission."

STEVE TAKEMURA, Co-chair, Gay Asian Pacific Alliance

The following organizations and elected officials have called on Mayor Jordan to replace Rev. Lumpkin on the Human Rights Commission:

Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club
Lesbians & Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action
Gay Asian Pacific Alliance
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Advisory Committee to the Human Rights Commission
Raoul Wallenberg Jewish Democratic Club
Latino Democratic Club
Lesbian/Gay Caucus of the California Democratic Party
Sunset Community Democratic Club
National Organization for Women, SF Chapter
Bay Area Non-Partisan Alliance
Community United Against Violence (CUAV)
***San Francisco Sentinel* Newspaper**
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Tell Mayor Jordan what *YOU* think! Call 863-9039.

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aids treatment news by john s. james

Post-Berlin Strategies: An Interview with Jay Lalezari, M.D.

by Denny Smith

For people living with HIV, and for physicians treating them, the road to the right medical choices can seem like an information obstacle course.

Victories against HIV disease, so far, have not come from a single absolute answer, but rather from an unfolding series of partial answers, of contributory bits of information that inspire more questions. The essence of progress in therapies has largely been distilled into three concepts: early intervention, combination therapy and multiple prophylaxes. But these concepts are still only half-drawn, provoking confusion and sometimes public conflict. Which drugs should be combined? Exactly when is "early?" Which opportunistic infections can be prevented by which drugs?

The answers to those questions depend for now on a context that changes from patient to patient, and on a dialogue between physicians, researchers and the community. To foster that dialogue, and to review the developments stemming from the IX International Conference on AIDS in Berlin, we interviewed San Francisco physician and researcher Jay Lalezari, M.D.

Dr. Lalezari is assistant clinical professor of medicine and co-director of the HIV Clinical Research Center at Mount Zion Medical Center of the University of California San Francisco. He has treated many people with HIV infection, through clinical trials as well as primary-care practice, and is currently supervising several studies of critical potential, including a phase I CMV treatment trial of HPMPC; a CMV prophylaxis trial involving an oral formulation of ganciclovir; a study of HIV burden in lymph tissue; and a new trial of an HIV protease inhibitor.

(AIDS Treatment News) Where are we now, after the Berlin Conference? Are you changing treatment recommendations for your patients?

(Dr. Lalezari) Berlin was a bitter pill to swallow. The conference itself was chaotic and the news was mostly disappointing. Basically, it took away assumptions that we had made about AZT, or at least confounded them. For the last three years I had at least offered antiretrovirals to my patients, regardless of their CD4 count. HIV disease may present a long and highly variable course, but the virus is the culprit from day one of infection. We know there is viral activity throughout the period of "latency," and that this activity generates a gradually increasing curve of viral burden. Short of clearing the infection completely, the goal is to extend the time that the curve is flat. I couldn't believe, even as limited as nucleoside analogs are right now, that having some early impact on viral replication, on the viral burden, wouldn't favorably affect the course of the disease. Whatever you can do to shut down viral replication, at whatever point, would be a good strategy to try and survive. I still believe in the concept of early intervention, but after Berlin it may be a moot point until we have better drugs.

What do you say to your patients now about AZT? Years after it first appeared, the community is still polarized around it. Some people have been taking it for a very long time, and others still insist that it's poison. And then comes the Concorde bomb.

It's such an emotionally charged subject. The Concorde study had its problems, but it was such a large study that it's hard to not take it seriously. Basically the data out there can support any treatment approach to HIV disease. Anything you really want to do, you can defend. Therefore I don't think we're going to be coming up with any hard and fast prescriptions for people. Whether people want to be aggressive early or want to wait will be a personal choice. There are a lot of variables that will go into that decision, and we're on fertile ground for controversy, where patients are looking for reasons to not take AZT: expense, side-effects, politics, self-denial.

But it comes down to this: the principle of early intervention was not challenged by Concorde or anything else. Early intervention remains the right strategy. The problem is that we don't have the right tools to block HIV early, irrevocably, and in all of the reservoirs where HIV may be hiding. I think it's worthwhile emphasizing the things that we know. There is a limited benefit of AZT, and I think we're surprised that it isn't more effective in early disease. Maybe this is because it is cell-cycle specific, and so doesn't affect all of the potential reservoirs of infection. At this point you can still use AZT early, and get two years benefit, and hope that there will be new antiretrovirals after that, or you can wait to spend that benefit at such time that you have low CD4 cells or clinical symptoms. Right now you can argue any strategy you want, but there is no doubt in my mind that AZT is of clinical benefit, particularly in the lower CD4 cell range. I get frustrated when people with less than 100 CD4 cells come in citing the Concorde data.

I remain committed to the principle of early intervention. We know from our lymph-node study that HIV infection is a continuous process, that there is viral replication during the entire period of so-called clinical latency. There is just no reason for HIV to be the only infectious disease where we sit back and wait for advanced illness before we intervene. I personally favor an aggressive strategy. If it were my immune system, I would try to do whatever it took, as early as it took, to maintain the integrity of the system. Using AZT too early, as monotherapy, may select for syncytia-inducing strains, which could conceivably enhance disease progression. But going without drug intervention altogether leads to disease progression in most individuals. If someone tells me they want to treat themselves aggressively, I would probably recommend combination nucleosides up front, although I probably will be waiting to start at lower CD4 counts— trends below 500—than I have in the last several years. I could return to earlier intervention as soon as I have access to newer antiretrovirals.

Aren't there some benefits derived from nucleoside analogs that are not related per se to CD4 cell protection, perhaps benefits affecting tissues of the digestive tract and nervous system?

Yes, some of the value of AZT, and ddC, is not measurable in CD4 counts. Unfortunately, CD4 fluctuations don't always correlate with clinical progression.

What about combination therapy? Are nucleoside analogs going to get tossed out if we get some newer drugs?

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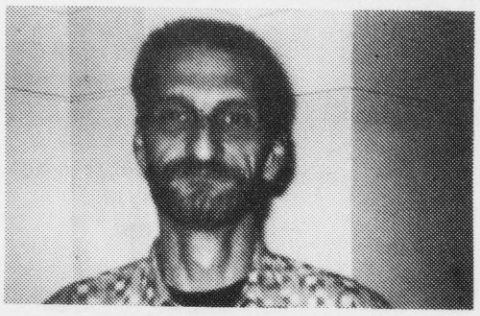

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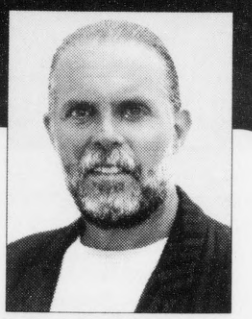

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There is no question that we need combinations, and that those combinations should affect different stages of the HIV life cycle. I think that what we might say about the nucleosides is not how limited they are, which is true, but how much they do given that they act only on unintegrated virus. Unfortunately, the newer nucleosides, d4T and 3TC, are not looking any better than what we have.

The nucleosides seem to have acquired some more purchase with the proposal of "convergent" combinations.

That needs to be tested, of course. But along with convergent combinations, we need the continued testing of agents at other points of viral replication—like the protease inhibitors. Unfortunately, the news was not great about the tat inhibitor. Flossie Wong-Staal presented evidence at Berlin that perhaps HIV doesn't need tat; that maybe the rev gene is a better target for therapies.

If you could fast-track any antiretroviral agent now in laboratory research, which one would you pick?

PMEA might be the one. PMEA is one of a new class of experimental antivirals called nucleotide analogs. Unlike AZT, ddI and ddC, it is not cell-cycle specific because it does not require that initial phosphorylation step, which is the limiting characteristic of the nucleosides. Consequently, it might be active against HIV wherever it is hiding. Cats exposed to FIV [feline immunodeficiency virus] will ordinarily develop an antibody response even if you treat them with AZT, ddI or ddC. But if you dose the cats with a regimen of PMEA while exposing them to FIV, they will not develop antibodies, suggesting that their immune system is not seeing a replicating virus. Then when you withdraw PMEA from the cats, they begin to produce antibodies, suggesting that a potent barrier to viral replication has been removed. [Note: PMEA is being developed by Gilead Sciences, in Foster City, Calif., which is also developing HPMPC.]

Beyond PMEA, I think the protease inhibitors are important. And one surprise at Berlin was GEM 91, an anti-sense oligonucleotide. This is the first anti-sense agent to enter clinical studies, and much sooner than we thought any such compound would be available.

Is there a time-line for these drugs?

PMEA is in phase I trials now, and there are at least six protease inhibitors in some stage of development.

How do you use the currently available drugs?

I try to stay open to what my patients want. It's their life and their choice.

Some people, as we discussed, happen to have a prejudice against AZT: They had a friend who died while taking it, or they don't like the way Burroughs-Wellcome priced it, or they tried it once three years ago and it didn't help, etc. I ask those patients to try one AZT pill a day for two weeks and come back and see me. After they tolerate that one pill, I try to bring them up to five [100 mg five times a day]. If that takes three months, fine. Better they wade in slowly than jump in and experience a lot of toxicity and decide never to try it again.

I happen to like ddC because I've worked a lot with it. I think it's gotten a bum rap. At first the dose was too high; it produced some bad cases of neuropathy. Then people complained that it wasn't as good as AZT. But a recent study has shown that ddC is at least as good and maybe better than ddI in AZT-intolerant patients with advanced disease. The main thing about ddC is that of the three approved nucleosides it is the best-tolerated, and that is important.

As for ddI, the potential for pancreatitis makes me very careful with the dosing. In general, if people can tolerate it, they should take 200 mg twice a day. Beyond that, the incidence of pancreatitis rises sharply.

I do encourage patients to take the recommended doses of anti-HIV drugs. With the three nucleosides now approved, we are dealing with drugs that we know have limited value. So if you reduce the dose that's been approved, you quickly drop into ineffective ranges of the drugs.

I imagine that the kind of person who's drawn to clinical trials would represent an interesting patient to physicians like yourself. By virtue of their willingness to try an investigational drug, they're eager to challenge the status quo of HIV progression.

Yes, these people are curious, and spirited. They're smart and determined enough to wade through the morass of HIV information and get into treatment studies. The sheer scientific knowledge that some people bring with them is incredible. Which is good—it keeps us honest. There is also an abundance of old-fashioned altruism—a desire to help move the research effort forward. Over the course of a trial, we see patients for months or years, and develop a very close relationship.

Do you see patients in trials who are designing their own medical care? Who may meet the trial criteria quite legitimately, but are also perhaps using the trial to surpass what they can get by prescription?

Frequently. That started with the first AZT and ddC trials. Many aggressive people are in multiple studies, and in doing so, some people are violating the terms of some studies. If you have a good relationship with your study participants, they want to tell you what they're doing. And I want them to be able to trust me with that information. But it puts us in an awkward position with the drug developer. So now I tell everyone involved that I have to be honest with the data. My patients get to tell me what they're doing outside of

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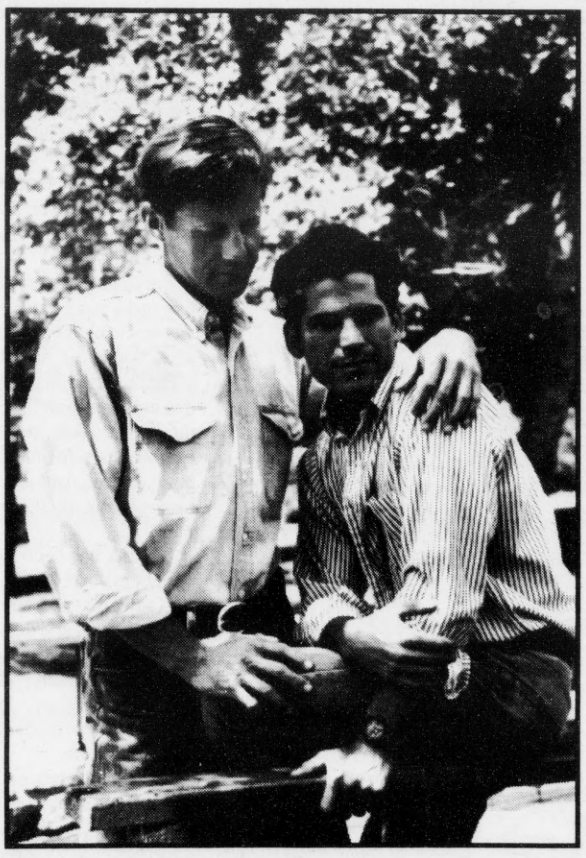

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my trial without any threat of getting kicked out, and I tell the drug company what's going on. That's a lot better than the data getting diluted by confounding variables you don't hear about.

When you have been caring for someone for a while, there must come moments when they have been through numerous infections or other crises, and they are really debilitated and tired of the whole process. How do you advise them?

I often tell them to try and persevere through the particular crisis they're in. For example, when people are diagnosed with a CMV infection, it's usually the worst day of their life. I will say, "Hang in there—after we start treating the CMV, you'll feel better; if you hold on, I'll get you to a better place." I think it makes a difference whether you continue your anti-HIV drugs. There are some studies of retinitis that show that people who stay on HIV treatment along with their CMV treatment do much better. I think this is indirect evidence that even in advanced AIDS, there is a role for antiretrovirals. Sometimes, though, it is time to let go, and that process is at least as important as any other aspect of HIV care.

If a truly effective HIV therapy was available right now, would it allow people who are very sick to recover completely?

We are not going to be able to restore a seriously damaged immune system with an anti-HIV therapy alone. It is conceivable that if you completely shut down HIV replication, a relatively healthy immune system could clear itself of the infection. But that by itself would not reverse fundamental damage, like the degraded architecture of the lymph nodes seen in advanced disease.

HEALTH CARE ETHICS, COST & POLITICS

In issues of drug development, do you, as a researcher, feel you have any leverage with drug developers?

That's been possible at Gilead, where I think I've enjoyed a lot of influence with the direction of HPMPC. What motivates the developer, of course, is not always what motivates the physician. But it's exciting to discuss science with them and ask questions like, "What is it we're after? How are we going to get there?" I think that members of the pharmaceutical industry, for all of the criticism they catch, generally do try to cooperate for the sake of progress. They meet with each other, they share information about what doesn't work. Do you see that in the fashion industry? The cosmetics industry?

Maybe not, but wouldn't you hold pharmaceuticals to a higher level of ethics to start with?

Sure, but I'm saying there is already a level of cooperation within the pharmaceutical industry that you just don't see elsewhere. It's easy to vent anger and blame when you see commercialism, but I wouldn't want to take the commercial incentive away from them. On a personal level, remember the researchers are not working in the marketing department; they want to bring an end to this epidemic as much as anybody.

I imagine that's true. But what about wasted resources? President Clinton was on the mark, I thought, when he spoke of the excessive amounts of money the drug companies spend on advertising. Month after month after month you see the medical journals absolutely bloated with glossy, repetitive drug ads.

I would argue that, as a capital enterprise, those companies are entitled to spend their profit margin how they want. Perhaps there should be some discussion of limits on that kind of stuff. Nevertheless, most of the money spent in the industry as a whole is still spent on research and development. Without a provision for making profits, there is little incentive for development. Would you have wanted to have AIDS in the Soviet Union?

No, and yet I wish that we had the same access to health care that the Russians are accustomed to. The irony attached to putting incentive ahead of access in this country is that if we had a cure for AIDS, a lot of people with AIDS would not get it.

How do you think the HIV community stands in relation to the coming changes in health care? It doesn't look like we're going to get what we need, which, I think, is single-payer universal access.

It may be hard to visualize big, new government programs at a time when the deficit is growing and the government is already perceived as managing so many things poorly. I can think of a lot of places where government should stay out, but I would argue that national health is an appropriate place for government to intervene. Medicine [as opposed to research] should not be a commercial, for-profit operation. When you make medical decisions based on financial considerations, you get something other than good health care. In fact, what you get is more expensive and more wasteful. Health care happens to be an appropriate realm for government sponsorship.

Do you think we can create a system that fosters development and initiative, as well as the compassion to make that development mean something to those who need it?

Sure, and there's no question that a single-payer health system would cut out a lot of obstacles and costs—maybe even a third of all the resources now squandered could be conserved. It ought to be possible to get everyone motivated to provide universal health care in the most fair and cost-effective way.

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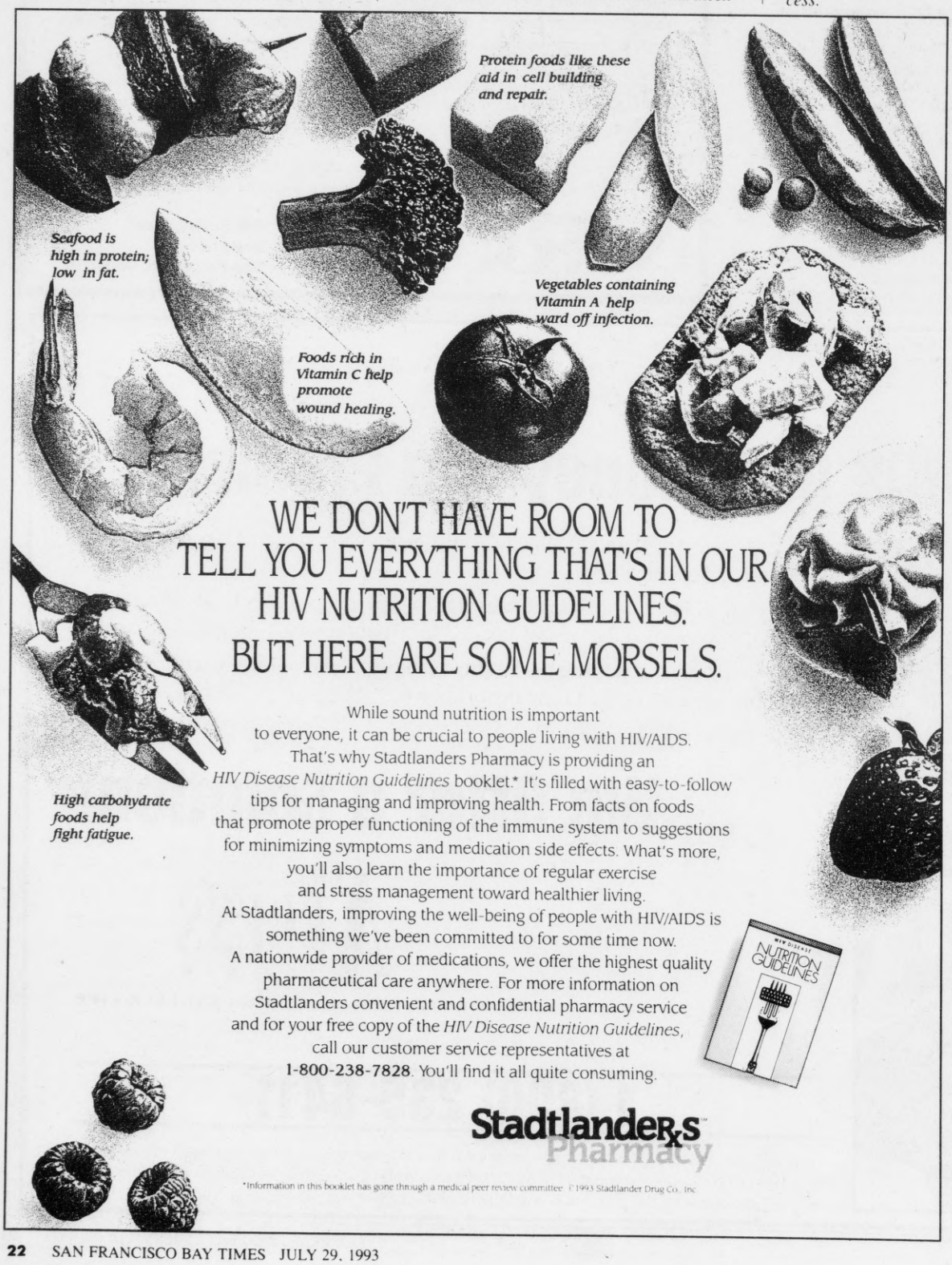
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Bumping...

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target them for bumping or layoff. They say the uncertainty about what is going on is wreaking havoc on both morale and productivity within the department. "It's insane," complained an AIDS office employee who requested anonymity. "What is going on? At the AIDS office we are all at rock bottom. It is all very demoralizing."

The $20 million of restorations to the health budget does allow DPH staffers to "take little sighs" of relief, says Dr. Sandra Hernandez, deputy director of health for Community Public Health Services. But she adds, "What is worth reiterating is, even though these [bumps may not] happen, there is a tremendous interruption of getting our jobs done, with people looking at layoff and reassignment notices. Not to be underestimated is the emotional turmoil that people go through. ...It is hard to keep people focused."

While there has not been a noticeable increase in resignations, at least one assistant health educator in the AIDS office simply resigned rather than deal with the ongoing budget trauma. The "hidden costs" of the budget trauma are of particular concern to Richard Cordova. There is "loss of productivity, people get ill, people leave because they are not assured of a job. We have to [train] someone else." Cordova adds, "I couldn't tell what the costs would be, but it is not just morale. There are actually real dollars involved."

Then there are the emotions around the bumper and the bumpee. Charles Brand, the former facilities manager at 101 Grove who replaced John Dean Green as a Ryan White contract monitor, says his reception at the AIDS office has been friendly with one exception. He contends that "someone who is reasonably intelligent can be skilled in a short period of time," and he doubts that his reassignment will lead to any slowdown in Ryan White contract monitoring.

That may be true, but Steve Lew of the Gay Asian Pacific Community HIV Project is still concerned that the people who get replaced will be those who were hired due to "their experience in working with gays or lesbians or people of color or bilinguals... A lot of those folks could lose jobs and the people coming in would not have the cultural sensitivity in those backgrounds."

The transferred employees not only bump someone out of a position, but they are often missed by their previous employers. Steven LaPlante, Brand's former superior at 101 Grove, says, "I sorely miss him. We are absorbing the job he did here without replacing him. We are going nuts over here."

The bumping process itself is often a source of stress for all involved, particularly for the person doing the bumping, because there is frequently an automatic assumption that bumping is a bad thing. Dr. Baxter says such an assumption "puts the person who is bumping in an unfair position." In any case, says Dr. Baxter, if things don't work out, managers still have the right to reassign the individual.

But in the case of AIDS services, is that really fair, asks head nurse Diane Jones. She says the whole situation bears closer examination. "Labor does not know how to respond," says Jones. "These nurses in other units that are shut down, it is not their fault. They have a right to jobs. But then what about the nurse that comes from St. Louis to care for AIDS patients. She is going to get bumped. And it is an issue I don't think the management or the unions know how to deal with."

No one has been made happy by this year's budget process. Jeff Jeu, a CSAS deputy director, says that the entire process has been particularly cruel and debilitating for city employees at the mercy of the budget process. What's worse, says Jeu, is that the whole thing has been strung out since January, leaving the employees on perpetual tenterhooks about whether or not they still have a job.

"The whole process has been horrifying," says Jeu. "The stress on the clients served by the system adds a whole other layer of anxiety and uncertainty to an already debilitating impact. It is hard to see anything positive in all this."

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Perceptions: Yours and Mine

When people find out I am a writer, they are surprised. Perhaps I don't look like a writer (whatever a writer looks like). Actually, we writers come in assorted packages. We don't meet and decide upon mannerisms and stereotypes to adopt. We come from all walks of life and all categories to which people have relegated themselves. We avoid difference. We deny difference. We release our anxiety about difference through categorical humor, i.e., The Clones, The Whiners, The Church Lady. As filmmaker Marlon Riggs demonstrated in *Ethnic Notions* and *Color Adjustment*, non-whites historically have been reduced to comical caricatures—the stuff of which stereotypes are constructed and maintained.

How do any of us define who we are? By the food we eat? The company we keep? The jobs we have? The cars we drive? The way we look? Our mental, physical or sexual prowess? How do our self-definitions differ from the perceptions others have of us? Most of us aren't demonstrative about our race or our sexual orientation—unless it becomes an issue. But each of us is perceived categorically, and not as a whole person.

We each notice details that we have learned are relevant to social circumstance. Quite often, we don't wait for the big picture. We each have preconceptions—real or imagined—about what each category is about; what each category means. Even professionals are quick to offer quick assessments of perceived issues that may be more complex, more rooted in culture, lack of opportunity, physical or mental health, class or values.

Two years ago, I had been asked to participate in a PBS special, *Targets of Hate*. Representatives from many community groups were in attendance. But only those who had been pre-taped or who had pre-arranged participation appeared on the air. Once there, I realized I had been invited to be seen—not heard. I also noted that all people of color speaking were victims. People of color were not presented in professional capacities. Only white experts provided structure, definitions, and decided what was and what was not a hate crime.

White liberals, in their zeal to be First Amendment absolutists, have allowed other whites disproportionately empowered in this society to obfuscate many of the substantive gains made by Blacks during the civil rights years. European immigrants especially love the American rules, which were written to permit them to excel and succeed. And as many move through this society to greater success, they do not look back at the red-lining, the disentitlement, the visibly different whom they may well have exploited in order to succeed. It is the American way—"the rules" were not written to give all outsiders access.

The media is irresponsible and out-of-control. There is a world of difference between intervening in the governmental process with minute-to-minute polls and snappy, sensational sound bites, and investigative, responsible reporting. Sensationalism comes at the expense of good taste, social responsibility and success. For example, television would lead us to believe that all Blacks speak "Black English," are on welfare, are doing drugs, singing, dancing, shooting hoops, robbing somebody, or are involved in some other criminal activity. These are powerful images that are not balanced by an accurate reflection of the diversity in this community—or the Hispanic community, or the lesbian/gay/bisexual community.

MICROCOSM, MINE

Just as we are not all the same, as we have been portrayed in much of the media, we are not monolithic. We are a microcosm which makes solidarity and coalition-building difficult—but not impossible. There is disagreement within our community as to what our image and mission should be. Will we be gay and/or queer? Will gender parity prevail in our organizations? Will racial equality be a gay issue? Though we are pro-gay rights, are we pro-military? Are we progressive and militant and out in the streets, or are we conservative and assimilationist, mimicking mainstream America in values and behavior? We are all of the above.

Perceptions can be stereotypes—tourists' delight: Drag and leather on a cable car. Photo by Rink

We have some Asians who believe the problem with America is that we have too much pluralism and diversity—not enough homogeneity and shared values. We have some Hispanics who were the aristocracy of their former countries. Some of them give new meaning to the word conservative, and will forever be beholden to the Republican leadership that orchestrated their immigration. We have some Black people from the Caribbean and from Africa who look down their noses at African-Americans because of our history in America. We have some European and South African immigrants who believe their entitlement is greater than mine because of the color of my skin.

Multiculturalism and cultural democracy is the appreciation of difference, the ability to listen and participate, not dominate; the ability to share and support, not compete and denigrate; the ability to be a citizen in a pluralistic society. But just as none of the groups mentioned are monolithic, I don't believe enough is done to ensure that basic respect and objectives are mutually desired and prepared for before we permit citizenship.

Just as some of us don't advocate for those who look different from us, this mythology that whoever looks like us has our best interests at heart, this identification with physical or cultural similarity over intellectual and spiritual commonality, is bullshit. I have said this before—and it bears repeating—I will not vote for or support anyone primarily because they are Black, gay, a woman, or any other categorical assignation. My first concern is for leadership that supports my worldview; someone who may be the lesser of two evils; someone who (I perceive) will stand by our shared convictions. Parity has become a secondary concern, just as freedom of speech has become secondary to the option of yelling fire in a crowded theater, or abating the physical harm to gay people, Black people, or any citizen who perceives they have as much right to pursue freedom and happiness as any other citizen. ✿

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queer Africans whose center of social life is (and has always been) the church, the choice between attending services or a parade would not even be an issue to debate. Church is the *community* of ultimate acceptance and queerism would more than likely take a back seat for that day's agenda. We could argue that this is institutional white male racism at play, but I think the "feel welcome" concept is more the essence of the absence of our presence at Parade time. And true to form there will always be few Jamaican bobsledders out there adding chocolate chips to the vanilla sundae.

The cover the *Sentinel* chose to display either prior to or during the week of the Farce depicted an angle drawing of people of all races, ethnic groups and genders within the "community"—in a sense trying to be P.C. Yet by the angular projection, white males were at the front and center, while African males were at the customary rear of the line. The picture not only said a lot about the Farce, but also about the *Sentinel's* political view of the pecking order of importance in the community. In other words, who's most important down to who's least.

Everyone should go back and check that one out and ask themselves, if we are all equal, how could that rag depict that type of projection? For those of you who cannot locate that particular issue—if my photographic memory serves me right—the order down the line of vision was as follows: after white male (center and most important?), white female, Asian male, Asian female, Latin male, Latin female, African female and African male. I do not recall any transgender representation or handicapped queer people. Since I don't read or review that particular rag or the *B.A.R.*, it is possible that I may have confused those two papers but I know that of the three major Caucasian-owned and tailored-for community rags in this area, it was not the *SF Bay Times*.

Perhaps, as my Latina sister, Maria Salazar, expressed in her letter to the editor, "Chavez and Us" (*SF Bay Times*, June 3): "The white press... has a narrow scope of what is... our community." The point is that we as people of color are long overdue for a news rag that is about and for queer people of color. Not that the *SF Bay Times* or any of the others is bad, they just do not fulfill our needs as a "community" within a community. Besides, I cannot fathom the inclusion of space in the *SF Bay Times* in Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese, Hindi, Chinese, Japanese, Tagalog and any number of African street dialects (some of which even *In Living Color* ain't privy to). When was the last time anyone who reads the *SF Bay Times* regularly has seen international queer news items relating to people of color? During a quick review of the tidbits in the news section, one could easily get the impression that G-7 countries are the only ones that are newsworthy.

Kwezi Sembe
Berkeley

American Indian AIDS Institute unveils its bus shelter posters (l-r): Debra Rodriguez and Les Hanson of the Institute. Photo by Rink

Part of the Problem

Just as I've come to expect from the *SF Bay Times*, Thom Bean's July 15 column told me things I'd already heard about and read about two weeks earlier.

I respect Marlon Riggs; he's a brilliant talent who deserves to be honored by our community; I applauded him loudly when he and his contingent passed by and I regret that some volunteer driver acted like an asshole and that the Parade Committee was understaffed and disorganized. The fact is, this is a huge volunteer effort, a lot of people act like assholes on Parade day and a lot of things are understaffed and disorganized. Can we move on?

Bean also told us (as I had already read before) that there is less Black turn-out for San Francisco's Parade than there is in New York or Chicago. Um, excuse me? Has anyone checked the demographic differences? Has anyone noticed that the Asian turn-out for the San Francisco Parade is phenomenally larger than in New York or Chicago?

Perhaps the biggest change in our Parade in the past five years is the proliferation of Asian groups. Six years ago there was one Asian/Caucasian group, and that was run by white rice queens. Now we have whole contingents filled with Asian lesbians in their 20s. How long will it be before any of the gay papers in town notice this?

Did Thom Bean notice the wide variety of Asian groups as he watched the Parade? Oh, excuse me. That's right. Bean is your paper's *Black* columnist. Just as elsewhere in your paper you offer us Don Baird: Has Baird ever written about a Black performer (other than Prince)? Has he ever written about an African-American DJ or a club that has any significant Black turn-out?

Thom Bean is a writer to be respected and he has valid complaints about white racism in the gay community. My criticism is of the *SF Bay Times:* the way you compartmentalize writers and issues and the way you choose to expand and belabor single incidents, replaying wrongs and hurts to the exclusion of offering solutions (I applauded the brave and proud members of Transgender Nation as they passed by in the Parade, but I'd hate to think that somebody may have looked at them the wrong way—how many miles of *SF Bay Times'* letters space would get filled up?).

A suggestion: What if all your regular columnists went outside their own insular circles of intimate acquaintances, sought out individuals and groups involved in different aspects of queerdom and exposed themselves—and us!—to some variety in their perspectives. That is, if Don Baird could bear to be around people who didn't wear the *right* clothes.

Can we hope for unity and understanding in our varied communities? Can the *SF Bay Times* be part of the solution? Because as of now, your editorial and letters policy make you part of the problem.

B.J. Wood
San Francisco

Loves Animals, But....

As a participant in all previous AIDS Walks since 1987, I am proud of the fact that I help raise money to help end this epidemic. I am also filled with pride when I see the tens of thousands of other people who participate in this necessary and important fundraiser. Every AIDS Walk has been impeccably organized, the volunteers have always been friendly, the entertainment is unusually good, and the weather cooperative. However, at last year's AIDS Walk I became aware of a situation that is out of control.

I am referring to the problem of people who come to the AIDS Walk with their dogs in tow. Every year the problem (yes, it *is* a problem) seems to get worse.

Last year's AIDS Walk was the biggest ever and, unfortunately, there were dogs everywhere: on leashes and running loose through the crowd, chasing walkers and each other, barking at infants in strollers, sniffing people and each other, urinating wherever they wanted and crapping wherever they wanted (and nary a pooper scooper in sight). The (dog) shit really hit the fan when, after completing the walk, a dog attacked me as I was watching the entertainment. I was bitten on the ankle, puncturing the skin in three places, drawing blood and necessitating my having to go to the first aid station and have the wounds cleaned and bandaged. The dog's owner was genuinely sorry that it happened and I accepted her apology. This year, if a dog gets too close to me, I won't be as gracious: I will be carrying a can of Mace and I won't be afraid to use it.

What could possibly be going through the minds of dog owners who feel that the AIDS Walk is a function their dog should attend? Can't they leave their dog home for a couple of hours? Dogs add nothing but confusion and congestion to the AIDS Walk. Dogs are not a necessary part of the AIDS Walk. I find it hard to believe that a responsible dog owner would bring a dog to such a large, crowded event and then expect the poor animal to behave the same way as it does at home. I urge the organizers of the AIDS Walk to ban all dogs from future AIDS Walks. My advice to all dog owners reading this letter who plan on walking the AIDS Walk this year: *Leave the dog at home and let people enjoy the walk.*

I love animals. I make donations to the SPCA. I have adopted several animals from the SPCA. I support animal liberation. I don't eat animals; I don't want them to try to eat me. I realize there were some responsible dog owners at the last AIDS Walk but unfortunately (as usual) many have ruined it for others. Thank you for reading this letter. *Power to our four-legged brothers and sisters!*

Thomas J. Wade
San Francisco

Remove Lumpkin

The Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Advisory Committee (LGBAC) of the Human Rights Commission, upon unanimous vote, strongly recommends the immediate removal of Commissioner Eugene R. Lumpkin from the commission.

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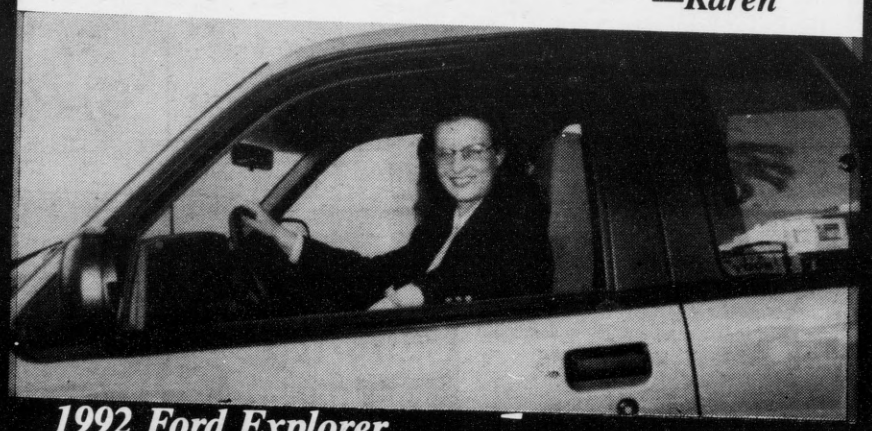
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cases are mistreated because of prejudicial attitudes. Those who seek the services of the commission must trust that staff and commissioners understand and support their efforts to live in dignity. Commissioner Lumpkin, through his remarks in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and his further comments at the July 12 LGBAC meeting, has created a situation in which lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people cannot possibly view him as an ally.

Furthermore, commissioners must share a strong commitment to working with members of all communities to foster the kind of mutual respect that prevents discrimination based on prejudicial attitudes. Commissioner Lumpkin's attitude and highly defensive and arrogant posture at the LGBAC meeting signals to us that he cannot share this commitment. Therefore, he must be disqualified from participating in this work.

Thus, we urge the Mayor to take into serious consideration our reasons for Commissioner Lumpkin's immediate removal from the commission. In the future, we hope that applicants to all city commissions will, prior to appointment, be required to demonstrate understanding, sensitivity and a history of support for the broad community of San Franciscans concerned with human rights.

Jeanette Gandionco Lazam
Chairperson, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Advisory Committee, Human Rights Commission
San Francisco

Incensed, Appalled—Not Surprised

The following letter was sent to Mayor Jordan:

I am incensed and appalled, though not a whit surprised, by your decision to retain Rev. Eugene Lumpkin on the City's Human Rights Commission. What else could be expected from a mayor with a slinky for a spine?

Rev. Lumpkin's remarks on homosexuality, which he has stood by and which, when published in full by the *Chronicle* (July 7), were even more inflammatory than the excerpt previously published, have no place on a commission dedicated to defending human rights for all minorities. While Rev. Lumpkin and his defenders assert that he was merely stating his spiritual beliefs and has always voted a "pro-gay" slate on the board, pardon me if I don't have absolute faith in his continued ability to neatly segregate his religious beliefs from his voting habits!

Lastly, and most egregiously, comes your statement that the reverend should remain on the commission, as he has served with "dignity and respect." For you to defend the reverend's vile, anti-human statements is not only an insult to every gay and lesbian citizen of this city, but to every member of every minority group—which would be a majority of San Francisco's citizens. "Dignity and respect"?!

You don't know the meaning of the words!

Andrew Gard
San Francisco

Open Dialogue

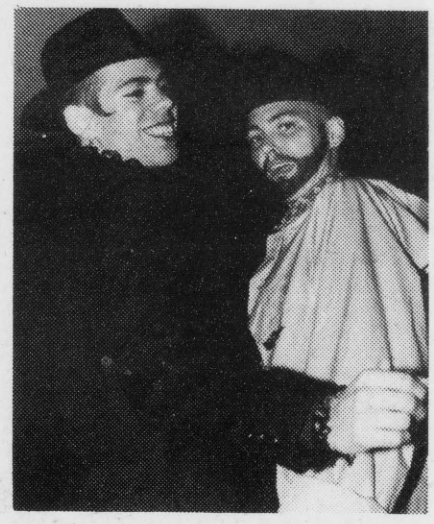
The Lumpkin affair is lumpy indeed. If one takes a narrow path the answers are easy, but in such a diverse city as ours the narrow path too frequently leads to disaster.

Can a minister who preaches homophobic interpretations of scripture be effective on the Human Rights Commission? Coverage in the dailies points to an extremely fair and progressive record, but is the record complete? At the very least Rev. Lumpkin's record necessitates a close and thorough examination of Commissioner Lumpkin's record.

Even if Commissioner Lumpkin is doing an exemplary job of defending all the minorities in our city, both ethnic and erotic, Rev. Lumpkin's preaching is indeed homophobic and incites the violence and discrimination that the commissioner should be fighting.

Any commissioner preaching racism or anti-Semitism in any aspect of his professional life would be rightfully striken from public service faster than anyone could say, "P.C. for me, see?" Can gays be blamed for responding as any aggrieved community would?

As a Black minister is under attack, can Blacks be blamed for circling the wagons as gays would if one of our own were under attack? Obviously no community is monolithic and some overlap. Black gays appear to be leading the charge against Lumpkin. Simeon White is quite correct in asserting that Lumpkin does not represent San Francisco. (Longtime observers of politics may observe that, this time quite literally, White is Black.) But our city is too diverse for any 11 people to represent it, as supervisorial elections remind us. Human Rights Commissioners



perform a special service and should be committed to equal rights for all citizens. That narrows the range of opinions and interests that deserve representation, but a range of opinions and interests do deserve representation.

If Commissioner Lumpkin is doing an adequate job, perhaps Rev. Lumpkin can be forgiven. Rather than antagonizing him and creating divisions, we might reach out to him and invite discussion that could benefit both religiously conservative Blacks and politically assertive gays. Doris Ward, with connections to both communities, could score quite a few points in such an effort.

The heart of the matter seems to be in Lumpkin's interpretation of the Bible. His "literal" interpretation is shaded by translations and traditions that have in the past been used to justify racism and slavery—and now homophobia. We could all benefit from a conference of clergy from the affected communities wherein scripture could be examined and interpretations could be compared. Whether or not this serves to resolve *l'affaire* Lumpkin it would open dialogue between key elements of both the Black and gay communities.

Jack Fertig
San Francisco

Apologists

Well, aren't we making great political strides these days? We've got a mayor who appoints an open homophobe to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, and a president who takes our money and our votes and betrays us by breaking his promise to lift the ban on gays and lesbians in the military. Let's face the facts: the politicians may need us, but they don't give a damn about us. Jordan has never even looked like our friend; Clinton looked pretty good for a while, but we became a political liability and so he wimped out and dispensed with us in a flash.

A complete turning of the tables: The Butch/Drag Ball was held on July 24 as a benefit for LYRIC.

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All that is bad enough. But there are those with political aspirations in our own community who are apologists for these guys: We've got people working for Jordan and for Clinton, *our* people, whose very existence is supposed to constitute evidence for how concerned they are about us. Political appointments by the Frank Jordans and Bill Clintons of the world are elaborate lies. The big politicians get to pretend they support our community while assembling a (small) army of lackeys who will come to us when they need our money and votes next time around. The little politicians from our community, those with their own hunger for the spotlight, get to have the power and prestige of public life while they pretend to represent us and sleep with our enemies.

Let's face it: Jordan, Clinton and their gay "Uncle Toms" are looking out for themselves. And we get so excited about our Uncle Toms: We think it's so great that the enemy throws us these crumbs, that he has let a few of us in. I don't think it's great. I think these are the enemies behind our own lines.

So I call on Roberta Achtenberg to resign her position with the Clinton administration as a matter of principle: How can she support and work for a president who has so blatantly betrayed us? And I call on the local gay political appointees of Frank Jordan to resign their positions as well: How can they support and work for a mayor who appoints gay-hating ministers to the human rights commission? And I call on you, members of the community, to apply massive pressure on these people to resign, and to make it clear to them that they too have betrayed us if they continue to sleep with the enemy for their own personal gain.

Let's have mass, embarrassing resignations. Let's make it clear that we are *not* pacified. And let's make it clear to those political appointees, those who will hold onto their power despite the duplicity it implies, that they are our worst enemy.

Jay Martin
San Francisco

Dilapidated

Dilapidated: Falling to pieces or into disrepair; broken down; shabby and neglected.

The above definition was a reality slap in the face for me last June 26. I was having a cocktail at a gay bar in Santa Cruz with some friends of mine. We were being our festive selves and camping it up. I observed a burly type guy scanning me from head to toe while I was conversing with a friend. Our eyes met and the burly man came toward me. As he came up to me, he asked, "Do you have AIDS?" I told him yes. He then went on to say, "You look dilapidated." That word echoed in my mind.

There I was, feeling festive and pretty, and then, Wham! Feeling pretty vanished quickly. This per-

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son went on to tell me that he won't get tested because "they give you toxic medications that might kill you if AIDS doesn't." I asked him, "What if you are positive right now? You could be spreading the disease, you might be killing someone right now." He did not want to know. He is hiding behind not knowing. This way he will not have to be responsible. He then had the balls to say, "If I went home with you I couldn't kiss you. You understand?" He then gave me a long unwanted hug and walked away.

I was hurt, angry and just couldn't think of what to do next. My first reaction was "get out of here." I did leave. That word "dilapidated" still bugged me.

When I got home I went right to the bathroom to look at myself in the mirror. I didn't see a "dilapidated" person. I was looking at a caring, warm, loving, honest person with a wild sense of humor who has many friends—the best of friends. Am I not accepting of my AIDS? I feel I have accepted it.

I'm a volunteer with the Santa Cruz AIDS Project. I go about the area giving talks at high schools, treatment programs, etc. I let them know how I am *living* with this disease. Yes, I share what the disease has taken away from me, but also what it has given to me. I do have my good days, then there are those moments which are not that festive.

The Santa Cruz AIDS Project has given me a quality of life. It was there I went to my first HIV/AIDS Walk-In Group. To this day I call the group, "My Breath of Life Group." These beautiful, caring people gave me the help I needed, set me up with doctors, Social Security representatives, the works. To this very day they help me. They are truly a blessing to this community.

Right now I am living in a house with three other men who have AIDS. Two of them are heterosexual and the other man is a fellow gay. We do get along rather well. We have weekly meetings with our social worker and discuss our feelings, share how we feel about one another, what behavior we do not like, etc. We are there for each other.

I'm loving every moment God allows me to be here in this house. This home is also part of the Santa Cruz AIDS Project. It's a wonderful feeling being safe, loved and wanted in this house. We do have fun with one another and give support when needed. We are good for each other.

I've been involved with SCAP since September 1989. I ventured out here from Phoenix, Ariz., where I worked as a psychiatric technician at Saint Luke's Hospital for 19 years. It was at Saint Luke's that I found out I was HIV-positive. I came down with pneumonia and had to be hospitalized. While there I asked the doctor to do the HIV test on me. I was curious. I had had many encounters with gay and bisexual men. I needed to know for myself.

That afternoon when the doctor walked in with a nurse friend of mine I knew the sad news right away. Both of them had that look of gloom on their faces. Hearing the words, "Your test came back positive." was quite devastating. It was like my breath was sucked out of me. One touching my arm, the other my shoulder. Thoughts of suicide filtered through my mind. What was the quickest and most painless way? I was scared. The feeling of being an outcast was quite heavy.

Word got around fast in the hospital. Matter of fact, when I was sick the word was, "He might not make it." Surprise! I made it. I am celebrating six years of *life* with AIDS. I must be doing something right.

This AIDS business back in 1987 was quite new to the medical profession. My first day back to work at the hospital was not a pleasant one. People who I had worked with more than ten years were keeping their distance. The hugs stopped, shaking of my hand stopped. I told myself, "If one more person avoids my hello hug or handshake, I am walking out." Thank God for Mary K., Luann B. and Jennette. These three wonderful ladies made my heart leap with joy, made me feel human. They hugged me with their hearts and even gave me a kiss on the lips. I wrote each of them a letter, thanking them for saving my life, making me feel whole and really caring about me. It took many years for the others to catch up to those three ladies. My last working year there I was doing an inservice on AIDS. It was heavy, but the message sank in for some.

I am finding that the medical profession is very much in need of education on AIDS. That is why I love my work with the Santa Cruz AIDS Project. I'm helping to educate people about this disease.

Stanley F. Wolf,
Santa Cruz

Prochoice vs. antichoice war on clinics: (Right) San Mateo cops protect an OR leader at San Mateo Planned Parenthood; (above) clinic defenders trounce OR on July 19—they are outnumbered 10 to 1. Photos by Jane Philomen Cleland

More Than the Panel

GLAAD/SFBA would like to respond to Anne Ogborn's charge of transphobia at our forum on "Gay vs. Queer" (*SF Bay Times*, Letters, July 1). We feel Anne's charges are grossly unfair. In her effort to paint GLAAD as transphobic she has, unfortunately, left out some vital information and misrepresented the facts.

Anne claims the forum panel was not representative of the community because there were no bisexuals or transgendered persons (she identifies as both). In fact, the panel was never presented as completely representative, nor was it ever meant to be. We acknowledged this both at the forum and in the program. The primary consideration in choosing panel participants was their public position on "Gay vs. Queer." The panelists were there to state their positions and launch a larger debate from the community/audience that would "represent" itself. In fact, the bulk of the forum was devoted to hearing from the community. No panel is, could be or should be presented as truly and completely representative of a community as large and diverse as ours.

Anne implies that no transgendered people were informed or invited to the forum. In fact, Anne received an invitation a month before the forum. She was asked to participate and to recruit other transgendered people who would all have a chance to speak. Another person active and well-connected in the transgendered community was also invited. Both showed up for the forum alone. Moments before the forum began, Anne demanded that she be added to the panel. It was too late to alter the panel and her demand was refused. At no time during the month Anne knew about the forum did she ever approach GLAAD with her concerns, nor were we ever given an opportunity to address them.

Because Anne's request was denied, the moderator was called an "asshole" very loudly and for the entire auditorium to hear. During the panelist's presentation, Anne and her companion heckled and hissed continuously and were heard to refer to one man as being "just a fag," along with other disrespectful comments. Despite the heckling and insults, the moderator made sure that Anne and the other transgendered person were the first to speak during the audience participation. Both had possession of the microphone for as long as any panel member. They decided to use their time to shrilly condemn and denounce the forum (at one point screaming into the microphone and issuing threats) instead of educating those attending about transgendered issues. Then they walked out. Their leaving deprived them of the opportunity to hear the many voices of support for transgendered people that followed. They also deprived themselves of the opportunity to engage their critics in meaningful debate, which was what the forum was all about.

Coincidentally, Dr. Donald Tarver, a psychiatrist whom Anne feels oppresses transgendered people, was on the panel. He is a person who was referred to us as having taken a public position on the word "queer." As stated before, all of the panel members were selected primarily on that basis. Anne implies that because Dr. Tarver is perceived as an enemy by *some* transgendered people, his opinions on any subject are invalid and should not be heard. If we had used that logic and excluded everyone that some portion of the community found objectionable or offensive, there would not have been a forum because the same could be said of any of the other panelists or audience members for that matter.

Finally, Anne calls on GLAAD to apologize, "clean up its act" and make undefined "definite and systemic changes." GLAAD feels that no apology is needed. Our motive for producing the forum was to serve the community. In these days of vicious infighting, attacks and character assassination, we feel we took a great risk taking on such a volatile issue as "Gay vs. Queer." We felt more strongly, however, that the need to step in and raise the debate above the level of hurled insults was greater.

Anne Ogborn has been very effective at raising the issue of transgendered inclusion everywhere she goes. She must learn, however, that while her tactics may serve her community well when dealing with bigots and genuinely transphobic organizations, they are inappropriate when criticizing otherwise well-meaning organizations (especially those within the community) which are accessible and willing to listen, adapt and evolve to become inclusive and representative. Anne makes the mistake, like many inexperienced activists, of blindly criticizing without taking into consideration the work and responsibility of making the day-to-day decisions of an organization like GLAAD. Decisions that are liable to be attacked anytime by anyone because no decision can or will ever please everyone.

We recognize that we have much to learn about bisexual and transgendered issues. We accept Anne's offer to "assist in the process" of prioritizing those issues, provided she will make a commitment to work with us constructively. She and all bisexual and transgendered persons are invited to join GLAAD. Our committee meetings are open and everyone is welcome. Please contact us at (415) 861-4588 for more information.

GLAAD Response Committee
San Francisco

Best With What I Was Given

As a feminized transsexual, I want to celebrate *both* my female status *and* how I got there. I'm sure there are times when it is necessary to differentiate between natural-born females (sorry Rebecca Ripley, there are no "woman-born women," just a lot of "girl-born women") and feminized transsexuals like myself, but last time I checked my employer was not interested in menstruation schedules. While I would do anything to start life over with that se-

The collective and staff of Old Wives' Tales extend our sympathies to our comrades at Modern Times Bookstore on the death of collective member

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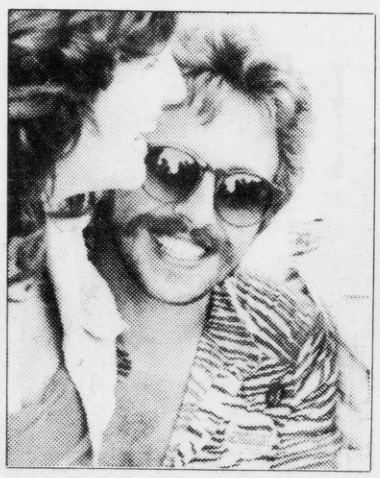

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cond X chromosome, I am doing the best I can with what I was given. (Thanks a lot, Dad.)

Some may say I had "advantages" growing up, but it's no advantage always having to hide my true self, even from myself, and as a result missing my entire teenage social life outside of the strictly platonic. Misogyny is an awful thing, but compared to it, being "genetically disappointed" is far, far worse.

My peers and I are under attack. While I have, for many years since my surgery, faded into the mainstream, with no problems for myself or others, I feel this is no longer an option as long as these attacks continue. Watch out, world—this MTF is back, and she's pissed. Remember this: those who most *hate* transgenders want to *be* transgenders.

Kathy Jones
San Francisco

Grief for Filisa

I have never written a letter to the editor of a newspaper before. Recently a friend forwarded to me a copy of the May 20 issue of the *SF Bay Times*. Along with the wonderful articles and homesickness-provoking calendar and advertisements, I was stunned to read the article on page 11 concerning the death of Filisa Vistima.

I never knew Filisa Vistima. However, I grieve for her death and for the divisiveness in our community that a death such as hers represents.

I have never understood and will never understand how a community of outsiders, a community of marginal citizens, can so carelessly, casually, callously accept bigotry and prejudice among ourselves. Isn't it bad enough that the larger world around us can find reasons to deny us full rights as human beings? Why do we continue to refuse to recognize the humanity of others, the basic rights to live a life that is free from denigration at the hands of those whom we would call community, friends, family?

I have not read any of the commentary that I am sure the article by Margaret Deidre O'Hartigan provoked. However, I can imagine the back and forth shrillness, the cries of contamination from the separatists among us, the pleas for understanding and acceptance from the transgender section of our community. I am writing this in the vain hope that there is still the possibility that the lesbian/gay/bisexual *and* transgender community can come together, can grow out of an animosity born of fear and ignorance. We demand that the straight world move beyond its fears and ignorance; can we demand anything less for ourselves?

I've heard the arguments before, read Janice Raymond's diatribe as well as countering essays both academic and emotional. What I want to say here is that none of that matters. What really matters is that a human being is dead, because a community which prides itself on diversity and acceptance of diversity could not find it in their hearts to accept her for what she in her heart decided she was.

We all ask for acceptance; we all cry for the right to decide our destinies, our identities. For some of us, it is easier. I was born a genetic female; I have never wanted to be anything else. But to deny a person's self-identity solely on the basis of a chance of genetics is uninformed at best; in truth, it smacks of the same bigotry that condemns people of color because their genetics do not match up with those who hold the power at different points in history.

I don't expect this letter to sway anyone from her or his stand on this volatile issue. All I ask is that we, as a community whose members pride ourselves on difference and acceptance, take a minute to remember what it is to crave recognition from the larger community around us, and to reflect on what our acceptance of her choices might have meant to Filisa Vistima.

Roberta Weber
Koriyama, Japan

Fight Good Fights

It's too bad that lesbians who have voiced their vehement opposition to the existence of transsexual lesbians don't put their tremendous letter-writing energy into something more productive. Transsexual lesbians/women born-men lesbians/MTF lesbians exist. (They may even be in our midst at this very moment! Now, while you're reading this newspaper, one could be looking over your shoulder, coveting your "Dykes to Watch Out For" coffee mug!) If you don't want to be friends or lovers, fine. You've made your point. Get on with your life and let others do the same.

Anyone who feels so strongly that they are physically trapped in the body of the wrong sex that they are willing to go through difficult, dangerous, expensive and non-reversible multiple surgeries and hormone treatments deserves compassion, at the very least. They have made one of the most difficult personal decisions imaginable. No doubt such a decision would only be made after years of suffering and torment.

I find absolutely ludicrous this paranoid notion that a man would go through all that just to get into a women-only event or organization and oppress the rest of us. I doubt anyone considers the Michigan Music Festival worth that price.

As lesbians, we know what it feels like to be different from the norm, to be told we don't fit in, we don't belong, we aren't welcome. So now you want to turn around and do the same to others? And all because a post-op transsexual woman was able to stand up when she took a pre-op piss?

Let's worry about Jesse Helms and Randall Terry. Let's fight for meaningful research and treatment for breast cancer *and* for AIDS. Let's work against poverty, racism and misogyny. There are so many problems we need to solve. Choose one and fight the good fight. But at the very least, let's not invent enemies where they don't exist, using our rage against others only because they weren't born exactly like us.

Jane Musser
San Francisco

Rating System

As unlikely as this may seem, I believe there is a solution to the seemingly endless debate over who is a "real lesbian" with the right to attend "lesbian events" in "lesbian space."

I have noted that the dyke separatists feel besieged, fearing "invasion" of space in which they feel safe and comfortable by people they do not accept as lesbians (and, in some cases, as women). I think this fear is groundless. I doubt many non-separatists feel comfortable in separatist space or even want to be around sizable groups of separatists; I know I would rather spend my time with women whom I consider more congenial and less rigid. It would appear, then, that the question is one of who gets to define standards for generic lesbian "space" or events—those favoring a kind of dyke purity, or those favoring a broader accessibility.

Perhaps the separatists could form some kind of rating board which could give a seal of approval to venues, events, etc. that meet whatever requirements they choose for being safe dyke space. I see a parallel to the rabbinic boards that certify foods kosher, or kosher for Passover, or not. Perhaps there could be standards for being "dyke-safe" and stricter ones for being "sep-safe." Other lesbian or women's events not so rated would be events seps could avoid and less politically correct lesbians could seek out; anyone thinking of attending a "dyke-safe" or "sep-safe" event would be forewarned about what standards they would be expected to meet for attending. Non-dyke, non-sep lesbians could still carry on their lives as "secular" lesbians, while leaving safe space for the more orthodox.

What this concept acknowledges is that there is a vast lesbian middle ground that is being fought over, with the separatists claiming that middle ground must meet their standards. I would like to point out that if a vote could be taken over what goes at a "lesbian" venue, the PC/separatist side would probably lose (the *SF Bay Times* reported last fall that 71 percent of the women at the Michigan Festival felt okay about admitting post-op transsexuals—a litmus test if there ever was one).

Women should have the right to choose what kind of lesbian space they want. If the separatists fear that choice by women interested in lesbian space or events will result in less acceptable dyke space, perhaps they would do well to communicate the benefits of a dyke or separatist (as opposed to generic lesbian) way of life to more women. Women will choose what they find attractive, not what they feel they "must" choose.

Beth Elliot
Oakland

The July 19 demo at the SF Federal Building, where over 50 were arrested protesting Clinton's gays in the military policy. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

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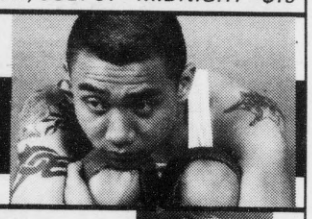

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(astrology)

BY JACK FERTIG

Ask. Tell. Pursue.

This week, the Sun is in Leo sextile to Jupiter in Libra, making it an exuberantly open, social and creative period. At about the same time, Mars in Virgo is sextile to Pluto, still in Scorpio. This adds an energetically critical, investigative energy to the week. This should be a wonderful time for dishy gossip and reading everybody's personal business. It could also feed scurrilous rumors, so this probably isn't the time to mention that all those photos of Sam Nunn do look awfully like somebody I did in a tea room last December when I was back in Washington, D.C.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Politics at work are getting hot and heavy. Fortunately you can, with some careful planning, pull off almost anything. Be careful that you don't build up a false sense of urgency. You can easily take on too much pressure, probably related to libidinal stress or grief overload. Process those, and keep your energy clean. Housecleaning or other domestic activities, or any community/family activity, will strengthen your sense of self, helping you to radiate confidence and draw opportunity. This is also an excellent time to attend to health matters or to hone work-related skills.

TAURUS: It's a great time for a creative binge, or just to kick back and have fun. You and your partner could challenge each other to new thrills. You may indulge in some new erotic pleasures or dare each other to go sky-diving. Use your imagination and incite each other to skate on the edge of ecstacy. You're having an unusually garrulous streak. Verbalizing on paper could save your friends considerable energy, and it would help you to organize your rush of ideas. But don't hide from friendly chats. You could star as a brilliant conversationalist in these next few days.

GEMINI: This is the perfect time to get that home you've always wanted. You could do it even without moving. A small investment in some supplies or decorations, a bit of hard work.... think ahead as to how much money and how much work you want to put into this project. Have a clear sense of limits so you don't go too far beyond them. It's also a great time to take care of any family business. You can effectively stand up and criticize anyone or anything that you're usually careful to steer clear of. In the same way you can make yourself a force to be reckoned with in your community.

CANCER: You know that reputation you have for being moody, quiet and taciturn? This week you can blow it out of the water. You're unusually chattery these days. It may be a bit much for some people to take, but don't be shy. Your current run of loquacity can bring you opportunities. Just be sure to listen as much as you talk. Be careful of a sharp, critical edge that's creeping into your tone. You can focus that creatively into some writing, or you could just entertain your friends in the fashion of Margo Channing. Of course, one does not rule out the other.

LEO: You've been enjoying a lucky spell for money. This is an excellent time to trust your instincts and impulses for even better financial luck. You are especially sharp now in seeing opportunities where others would see disappointment. With your current good luck you have a tendency to throw money around flamboyantly—but isn't that how you do everything? Conservative good taste may be a stretch, but it will save you some dough. Family demands can also get expensive, but you may use your financial weight to strengthen your position. *Happy Birthday: Terry O'Brien, Jon Sugar, & John Siracusa!*

VIRGO: Luck and energy are both on your side these days. Your luck is strongest in political situations. This is an excellent time to look at your ideals and your long-range plans, the personal goals that go beyond your working ambitions. Friends are especially helpful right now. Your energy is especially strong in matters of self expression, though perhaps you're a bit sharp-tongued. You could be a perfectly entertaining bitch, or just a perfect bitch. This is a great time to learn some creative skills—writing techniques or public speaking, for example.

LIBRA: As much as you thrive on company, you would do well to take some time alone to meditate and to take care of yourself. Some time, not a lot. A little introspection will help you in some very social endeavors. You're drawing a lot of attention these days and even earning some respect as an authority. Your reputation will grow if you use that recognition in service to others. Right now you're also likely to worry or compulse over financial matters. Actually you have less to worry about than you think, unless you fall into compulsive spending. Again, solitude and meditation will prove very helpful.

SCORPIO: Your political energy and acumen are both running high these days. Your tendency right now is to make a strong bid for whatever you want—and chances are you'll get whatever you want! Your charisma and sex appeal are doing double duty these days, drawing a number of people into your spell, but probably intimidating even more. You can use either reaction to suit your purposes. Personal drive alone works well for you, but you'll do even better if you can identify your aims with a broader ideal. Your idealism shines very brightly right now, so that shouldn't take much effort.

SAGITTARIUS: It's fortunate that you enjoy the spotlight, because right now you have it! Well, normally you enjoy attention, but right now it's a mixed blessing. On the good side you're now seen as a powerful individual who can effectively take charge of almost any situation. You may be called upon to prove it, but you can indeed rise to any challenge. On the down side, a lot of things you'd prefer to keep under wraps may be coming into view. It's a good time to be in therapy and to dig out psychic garbage, but otherwise scandal could erupt. All the more reason to be in therapy! But right now a little scandal could even do you more good than harm.

CAPRICORN: Do you have your vacation planned and your tickets ready? This is a great time to get away, especially with your partner or a group of friends. It would indeed be wonderful to get away, even if just for the weekend, but if you're committed to staying around it needn't be a loss. This is a great time even for just visiting the library, getting lost in a good book, a day in the park with some friends, or just turning on the answering machine and having a homebound honeymoon with your lover. If none of this fits the bill, you'll find your expressive powers very strong, winning you some influence in any debate or public expression. Educational endeavors are sure to succeed whether you are the teacher or a pupil.

AQUARIUS: Your charisma is at an all-time high this week. That will scare away more people than it will attract, but then you wouldn't want just anyone to get into your field of attraction! You're just supercharged right now. Your eagerness to get things done will get you considerable attention and could ruffle some feathers among your superiors. Try to see things from their point of view and smooth over any of those ruffles. You're in an ideal position to make changes at work, but try to include others in the process of change so that they feel a part of it. Then they'll be less likely to offer resistance.

PISCES: For the partnered: This is a great time to get away with your sweetheart and play at any and all sorts of games, the wilder the better. You're both feeling playful and challenging, up for skydiving or renting a dungeon space. But those are just examples. Let your imaginations run wild! Your creative games could also include artistic collaborations. For the single: This is an opportune time for meeting Ms./Mr. Right. A neat, purposeful appearance always helps. Right now you're most likely to make that fateful encounter while engaged in a spiritual or ideological challenge and/or while standing out in some creative enterprise. Interacting with children also makes you look very marriageable. ✿

THE SAN FRANCISCO
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coming UP

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JUN 29 / T H U

Help the Eastbay show its pride: Committee forming to oversee the creation of a 1994 Eastbay lesbian, bisexual, gay & transgender festival & parade celebrating 25 years of resistance. Info: Bill (510) 540-0869.

Learn to play bridge! Quicktrick's, America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club shows you how in an 8-wk series for beginners (you can start anytime). For details call 641-4355.

"Pier Paolo Pasolini: The Eyes of A Poet," retrospective of the works of the late Pier Paolo Pasolini screen at the Castro Theatre thru 8/5 and offer a rare opportunity to see Pasolini's early works, as well as the classic films that have placed him among the most intriguing & controversial of contemporary directors. Series features many restored prints being flown in from Rome for the occasion and many films virtually unknown in this country. 429 Castro St, SF. Tix $6 for evening performances, $3.50 matinees. Special discount passes (5 admissions for $20) available at the Castro Box Office. Event co-spons by the Italian Government Cultural Office and the SF Film Society. For more info call 621-6120 or 567-4641. Today's schedule: 7/29 at 7 pm, *Oedipus Rex* (1967); 9:10 pm, *Medea* (1970).

Anti-Immigrant Hysteria: A public forum presenting national, state & local perspectives; spons by the Arab American Democratic Club and the Latino Democratic Club. The furor over recent ship landings & arrests of Chinese in Calif & NY and the arrests of Arabs in NY; the detention of HIV positive Haitians in Guantanamo Bay and the scapegoating of undocumented Central Americans in Calif and elsewhere are all signs of the epidemic levels of anti-immigrant sentiment in this country (over 40 anti-immigrant bills were introduced in Sacramento last year alone). Come for a discussion of what this means, how it can affect us, and what we can do about it. Program includes question & answer session. Panelists: Emily Goldfarb, Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights & Services; Arnold Garcia, Nat'l Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights; Haitham E Ballout, attorney; and Claudine Cheng, Esq.; Chinese American Democratic Club. 7-9 pm, free. New College Auditorium, 777 Valencia St nr 19th, SF. Info: Jean-Paul Samaha 821-3279 or Lori Giorgi 648-4808.

At The Women's Building: Bay Area Bisexual Network presents program on bisexual youth. 7:30-9:30 pm in the dining hall. 3543 18th, SF. Info: 826-1636.

Smokey Robinson in Concert! at the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, San Rafael. 8 pm. Gold Circle seating available with champagne reception. Tix & other info call Marin Center Box Office: 472-3500.

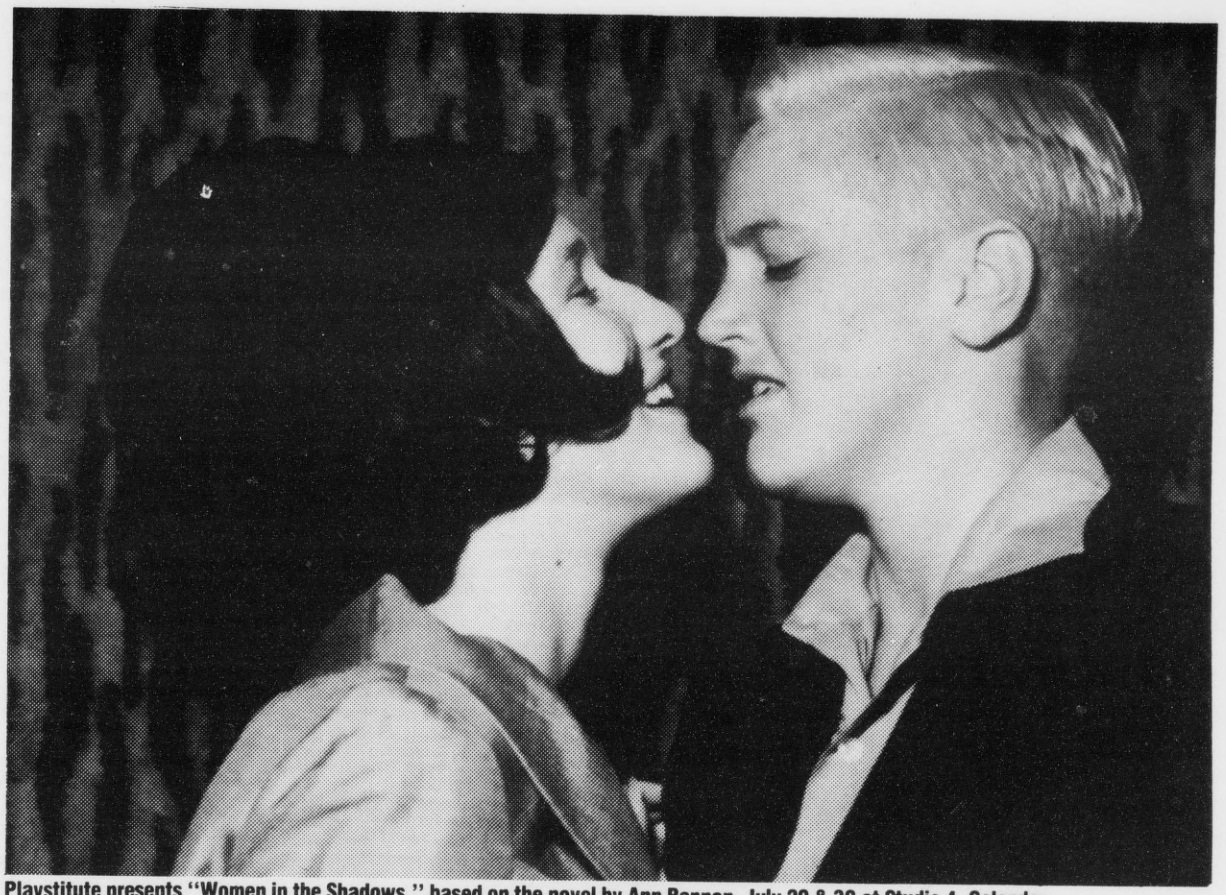
"Women in the Shadows," a melodramatic dykesploitation comedy based on the 1959 lesbian pulp romance novel by Ann Bannon. Playstitute production. Set in 1959, the play tells the story of a young lesbian's search for love and intimacy in New York's Greenwich Village; a campy & sardonic look at both the sordid realities of romance & the insipid conventions of romantic drama. Cast: Al Farmer, Jr, Laurie Bushman, Kelly Kittell, Deena Davenport & Jazizi Capuccino. Directed by Alvin Orloff (aka Remix Von Popstitute), set design by Leigh Crow (aka Elvis Herslvis). 8 pm, $8 tonight & tmw. 10 percent of all profits benefit the Women's Action Coalition. Studio 4, 2702 18th St at York, SF. Info/res: 826-5388.

At Freight & Salvage: Bluegrass with *Harmony Grits*. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Anne Bluethenthal & Dancers, with special guest Priscilla Regalado at New Performance Gallery: 8 pm tonight & tmw. Program: "Untitled," "Breathing Becomes Important," "Retablo," "Through a Fractured Sky," "Always, Already," and "In My Bones." Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 863-9834.

Ritual: In the style of an old storyteller, Malidoma Some talks about his upbringing among the elders of the Dagara tribe in West Africa & the ancient rituals that helped hold the community together. Some argues that lack of ritual in Western cluture has left us empty, lonely & separate, and that we have a lot to learn from the traditional practices of indigenous peoples. Raised in a small village in Burkina Faso, Some was initiated into the ancestral tribal traditions & is a medicine man in Dagara culture. He also holds graduate degrees from the Sorbonne & Brandeis University. 8 pm, free. Printers Inc Bookstore, 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

WAC Attack at ATA: Women's Action Coalition presents a collection of videos on this group of creatively militant women revolutionaries. See *WAC on the News*, a profile of WAC compiled from local news stations' footage of several WAC actions; *WAC-a-ganda*, a 3-min historical montage promo; plus several WAC clips. 8:30 pm, $3-7. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.



Playstitute presents "Women in the Shadows," based on the novel by Ann Bannon, July 29 & 30 at Studio 4. Calendar has info.

JUN 30 / F R I

Connecting Heart to Heart—Single Doesn't Have to Mean Alone: An empowerment wkend for single lesbians. Facilitated by Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks. Info/reg: 572-1999.

The Year of the Cock: Erotic Art," reception for this exhibit of provocative & engaging art by Bay Area artists. Show features a variety of media—from installation works, photography, painting & sculpture to fashion & performance. Tonight's reception features a leather, latex & bondage-wear fashion show courtesy of SF's Mr S Leather. 7-10 pm at Art Attack Gallery, 323 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 621-3505.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance at 7 & 9 pm in the Eastbay, tonight & 8/6. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "Sark & Her Inspiration Sandwich," a participatory evening of stories, laughter & inspiration with the author of *A Creative Companion*. 7:30 pm, $5. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Doug Holsclaw in "Tattoo Love" at Josie's Cabaret: Following the success of his solo play, "Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You," Doug returns to the solo stage with three thematically related comic one acts: "Club Pete," a cabaret where stylish recluse Pete Hilton performs a musical meltdown for an audience of one (himself); "The Tattoo Trial," a monologue where Hilton is forced to leave his enclave when summoned for jury duty (the judicial system will never be the same), and "I Might Fall in Love," a modern day love story with all the loops & spins of a roller coaster, set in Great America theme park. Show runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 8/8. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

At Mama Bears: Music/comedy improv with Over Our Heads (Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marion Damon). Tonight & tmw. These performances are the last with Annie, who is leaving town after 10 years with the group. Don't miss! 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Women in the Shadows," at Studio 4—Final performance of this campy & sardonic drama based on the Ann Bannon lesbian pulp novel, see 7/29.

Anne Bluethenthal & Dancers at New Performance Gallery, see 7/30.

Peep Show at ATA: Artists Television Access presents a night of film, video, performance & photos by and about women in the sex industry. See *The Missing Key*, Wynn Harrison's fictional film based on the true story of a hearing impaired stripper & the tragic experiences she encounters in the local sex industry; *Stripped Bare*, Caitlin Manning's documentary on the working conditions & experiences of women in the local sex industry; Julie Mullen's *Looking For the Girl Next Door*, a behind-the-scenes look at strippers who work for the woman-owned and managed Lusty Lady Theater in SF; *Naked Soul* Lisa Brennan's scorching documentary on the lives of strippers who work at a Mafia-owned strip club in NYC; *Kismet*, Cynthia Wade's film about a stripper & her relationship with her boyfriend; plus live peep show performance in the front window & photo exhibit by three dancers focusing on male customers and life backstage, and other video shorts. 8:30 pm, $3-5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

At Freight & Salvage: The Human Impersonator, Darryl Henriques. 8:30 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Acid Jazz by O at E'Space, 520 Hayes St, SF. 9 pm, $3. Info: 861-4657.

ACT UP/GG Comedy Benefit at Josie's, with comics Tom Ammiano, Suzy Berger, Lisa Geduldig & Doug Holsclaw. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

JUN 31 / S A T

Immune Power HIV Seminar: Presented today & tmw by Dr Jon Kaiser. Learn about a comprehensive healing program for HIV, combining the best of holistic & standard medical therapies. Seminar held at the Calif Pacific Medical Center/Pacific Campus Conference Center, 2333 Buchanan St, SF. Info: Bruce Hollander 922-5147.

Scavenger Hunt & Watergun Fight Picnic Benefit spons by the Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center. Everyone welcome! $10 includes food, beverages and lots of fun! Info: 885-2341 TDD, voice callers use California Relay 1-800-735-2922.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge Alternative Dyke Space: Shoot pool, listen to music or read on the sunny patio. Noon-11 pm. 4035 18th St, SF.

Pier Paolo Pasolini retrospective continues at the Castro Theatre (see 7/29). Today's schedule: 1:15, 5:30 & 9:45 pm, *Oedipus Rex* (1967). 3:20 & 7:35 pm, *Medea* (1970).

Country Western Line Dance Wkshop: Learn new parner line dances in a clean, non-bar environment, taught by Eastbay teaching team Laureen & Lilia. Scheduled dances include Traveling 4 Corners, Whisky Wiggle, Drifter, Black Velvet, Horseshoe, Colorado Shuffle & others. 1-5 pm, $15 at door (includes written dance steps). Footnotes Dance Studio, 1251 Arroyo Way, Walnut Creek. Easy BART & freeway access. For info/directions: (510) 271-5916, (510) 939-4406 or (415) 616-4674.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Children's Hour—See Parents & Kidsbox for details.

X-Plicit Act of Intimacy: Debbie Moore & X-Plicit Players take nude activism off the streets and into a five-hour poetic performance ritual that dissolves the walls of social conformity. Audiences are taken into altered states where tribal customs of extreme tenderness, body-reading & "tour of touch" are experienced personally. 5 pm, $12. New College, 777 Valencia St (nr 16th St BART), SF. Info: (510) 540-0907.

"The Death Penalty & Racism: Who is Mumia Abu-Jamal?" A program spons by SF Freedom Now! Network. Program features Leonard Weinglass, Esq, attorney handling Mumia Abu-Jamal's appeal; Pam Africa, spokesperson for the Philly-based Concerned Friends and Family of Mumia Abu-Jamal & a member of MOVE and Jane Henderson, co-director of the Quixote Center. Mumia Abu-Jamal, former president of the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists & prolific writer whose work, from death row, has been published in the *Yale Law Journal, The Nation, the Philadelphia Inquirer* and dozens of other newspapers, was unjustly convicted of the murder of a Philadelphia police officer in 1981. Ossie Davis, Mike Farrell, Whoopi Goldberg, Pennsylvania State representative David Richardson & others have launched a national campaign to save Abu-Jamal's life. 6:30 pm reception, 7-10 pm program (no one turned away for lack of funds). Mission Neighborhood Center, 362 Capp St, SF. Info: 648-4505.

Pleasure Chest: An evening extravaganza presented by Leatherwomen Titleholders, benefit for Lyon-Martin Clinic's HIV services for women. Program: Fabulous fun & entertainment with erotic dance by Rainbeau, fantasies by leather title holders, singing performances by Kim Wallace, Ms Leather Sacramento '87; Queen Couger, Ms SF Leather '93 and BC Cliver Dyke Daddy I. Leather Auction by Scooter Ms SF Leather '88 & Nina Ms SF Leather '89. 7 pm, $5-7 SL donation. Olive Oyl's, Pier 50, SF (take right on 4th St off Folsom St, past Bridge to Pier 50.)

Marin BACW Video Night: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of film, food & fine conversation. See *Thelma & Louise*. 7 pm, $2. Info/directions: Sharon 453-9317.

The Shirt off Your Back—Literally! A benefit for Lyon-Martin HIV Services for Women. 7 pm-midnight at Olive Oyl's, Pier 50, 268 China Way, nr 3rd St, SF. Erotic dancing by Rainbeau plus singers, auction, fantasy show, wet t-shirt contest and lots of dancing! Tix $7. Don't miss!

Poetry Reading/Erotic Performance at Art Attack Gallery with Linda Serbu & Carol Queen. 8 pm. Nominal admission fee at door. 323 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 621-3505.

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At Freight & Salvage: Jazz & piano vocals with Miss Fay Carol and the *Kito Gamble Trio*. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Full Moon Tantra for Men: Breathe, sweat & cum with other men in this naked full moon tantric sex ritual which transverses the terrain from quiet meditation to ecstatic release. 9 pm at Eros, 2051 Market St, SF. Info: 731-2834.

Love Canal: A tooth-fang-and-nail exploration of the darker sides of transsexuality, silicone damage & JO shows. Jill St Jacques, Joshua Michele Ross and Tanya LaTaz use a multimedia cauldron of films, live music & outrageous performance to tell the story of what it's really like to be transsexual in the 90s, transcending the more traditional modes of camp and discourse. 9 pm, $4. E'Space, 520 Hayes St, SF. Info/es: 861-4657.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Scott Silverman, Hank Donat & Gail Hand. 10 pm, $10 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

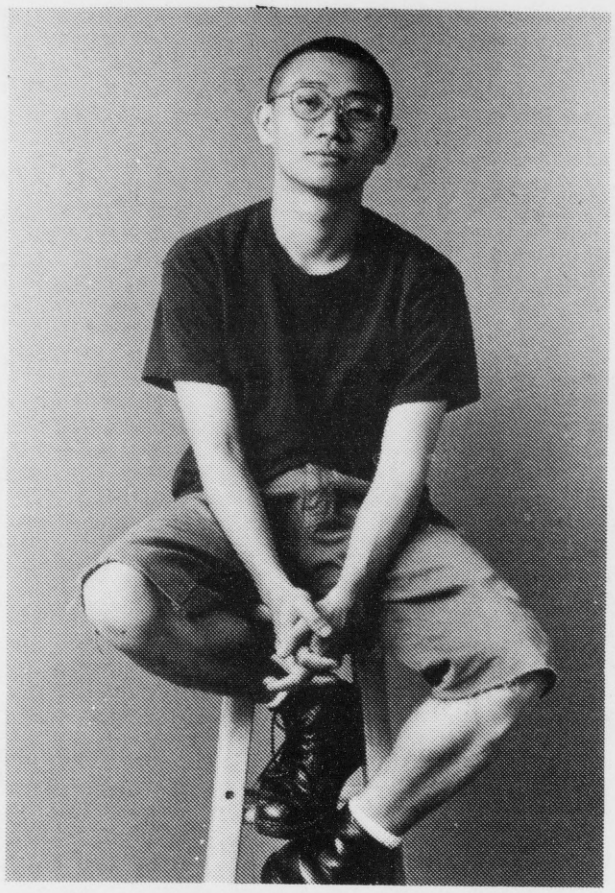
"The Secret Garden" cast members present a cabaret concert at Josie's to benefit Broadway Cares-Equity Fights AIDS. One-night only event features James Barbour, Lynne Cohen, Mary Fogarty, Andy Gale, Constantine Kitsopoulos, Audra Ann MacDonald & Todd Murray. Midnight, $15. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

AUG 1 / S U N

Intro to Photoshop: A hands-on workshop (two students to a computer) presented by GMUG (Gay Macintosh User Group). Taught by Ed Caballero. 9 am-4:30 pm, $115. Limited to 8 students. Purchase of *The Official Adobe Photoshop Handbook* by David Biedny & Bert Monroy (Bantam Books) is highly recommended.

AGUILAS: Gay Latino organization hosts a picnic & volleyball championship 10 am-6 pm at Lake Temescal in Oakl. Info: 648-3702.

Deadline to register for Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) Personal &



Justin Chin in "And Judas Boogied until His Slippers Wept" at Josie's Aug. 3, 17 & 31. See Calendar for info. Photo by Mark I. Chester

Professional Development Class—see 8/8.

Art Studio Sale spons by Friends of the Sharon Studio: Ceramics, leaded & fused glass, jewelry and many other items priced to sell. 11 am-5 pm at Sharon Art Studio, Children's Playground, Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: 753-7004 or 753-7006.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge Alternative Dyke Space: Pool table, music, women & fun. Whiptail meeting at 7 pm. Open noon-11 pm. 4035 18th St, SF.

Lavender Winds Kite Club holds its monthly fly at noon today on the beach across from Golden Gate Park in SF. Info: Mark or Brian (510) 797-6997.

Pier Paolo Pasolini retrospective continues at the Castro Theatre (see 7/29). Today's schedule: 3 pm, *The Decameron* (1971) plus *Set of Sana'a* (1971). 5:15 pm, *The Canterbury Tales* (1972). **7:45 pm,** *The Arabian Nights* (1974).

"Irony & Hell," is the topic for today's kick-off of spoken word series at Above Brainwash Theatre (to be held every Sun in Aug). Readers include playwright Wayne Corbitt ("CryingHoly") plus Don Bajema, Michael Treacy, Hank Ditmar, Dennis Matthews, Dean Kuipers & Jack McKean. 7:30 pm, $5. 1126 Folsom St, SF. Upstairs.

At Freight & Salvage: An eve of acoustic music with Rosie Flores & Katy Moffatt. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Doug Holsclaw in "Tattoo Love" at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/31 listing for details.

Cuban/Salsa at El Rio with *Cubanacan*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At Cabaret Du Nord: Cabaret noir duo of *Ether* (Amu Fairweater, vocals; Sebastian Archer, keyboards); neo-vaudeville with A Couple of Goofballs; sexy, rhythmic, traditional yet innovative dance with *Fat Chance Belly Dance* and *Tzaamboni*, youthful warriors of ethnic pop. 8:30 pm, $2. Emcee Derek Felton. 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF.

AUG 2 / MON

Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-9 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Group provides support for writing to women over 50 years old. Led by author/performer Ida VSW Red. Meets tonight & 8/16. Info: 626-7000.

"Clean, Sober & Safe," an HIV & substance recovery support group for Black men. Spons by the Brothers Network, a program of EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV). Gathering of Black men giving each other support to live without using drugs. Discuss issues that directly affect HIV positive men who desire to be on the road to recovery. Tonight is the first meeting of this group which will meet Mondays, 6:30-8 pm at 944 Market St, Ste 210, SF (one block from Powell St BART Station).

Pier Paolo Pasolini retrospective continues at the Castro Theatre (see 7/29). Today's schedule: Pasolini's notes & documentaries—*Notes for a Film About India* (1968), *Notes for an African Oresteia* (1970), *The Walls of Sana'a* (1971).

At Cody's Books: Theodore Roszak (*Where the Wasteland Ends, The Making of a Counterculture*) discusses his newest book, *The Voice of the Earth: An Exploration of Ecopsychology*. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

New Words, New Directions: Summer Literary series of readings & conversation to benefit Small Press Traffic: Tonight's event features author Jessica Mitford in a discussion with *SF Chronicle* columnist Leah Garchik on censorship & how it has influenced her work. Program also features special performance by Black Poets with Attitude (Wanda Ali-Batin Sabir, Abimbola Adama & Joy Holland). 8 pm. At Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, corner of Marina & Buchanan (middle pier in back), SF. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts, srs & groups of 5 or more. $25 includes catered booksigning reception. Info/tix: 285-8394 or 392-4400.

Gay Comedy Open Mike with emcee Suzy Berger. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

AUG 3 / TUE

Pier Paolo Pasolini retrospective continues at the Castro Theatre (see 7/29). Today's schedule: 7 & 9:30 pm, *The Decameron* (1971) plus *The Walls of Sana'a* (1971) and *Set of Sana'a* (1971).

"Meditation: It Isn't What You Think," free lecture by Jonathan at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. A look at what meditation is and what it can do for you in your daily life. 7 pm.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling. Models' try-out night open to both experienced & inexperienced models. 7 pm, 1229 Folsom St, SF. Call 621-6294 for res/info.

At A Different Light Bookstore: SF novelist Herbert Gold reads from his new nonfiction book, *Bohemia: Where Art, Angst, Love & Strong Coffee Meet*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Printers Inc: JH Huang reads from his new translation of *Sun Tzu (The Art of War)*, based on manuscripts recently discovered in China that predate all previous texts by as much as a thousand years. 301 Castro St, Mountain View. Info: 961-8500.

Writer/performer Justin Chin in "And Judas Boogied Until His Slippers Wept," at Josie's Cabaret, the companion piece to Chin's most recent work, "Somewhere Fudging," "And Judas..." is hard-edged and raw, a savage meditation on sex, death, insects, surivival & betrayal, from a young Asian queer perspective. Play runs Tuesdays, 8/3, 17 & 31 at 8 pm. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

Women's Country Western Dance tonight & 8/10 at 8:30 pm in the Eastbay. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

At DNA Lounge: *Seven Day Diary*. 10 pm, $4 after 10. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

AUG 4 / WED

Push Back the Poison sponsors demonstration to demand the US Environmental Protection Agencey (EPA) enforce the freeze on toxic waste incinerators and to support Kettleman City (a Mexican farmworker community halfway between SF & LA) in its fight against Chem Waste, Inc. Noon at the US EPA, 75 Hawthorne St (btwn 2nd & 3rd, Howard & Folsom), SF (Montgomery St BART). Info: Push Back the Poison 512-8326.

Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets today (topic, "Living Alone") and 8/18 (topic, "How to make friends when you're old & gay) at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Group led by George Birimisa. For time & other info call 626-7000.

Pier Paolo Pasolini retrospective at the Castro Theatre (see 7/29). Today's schedule: 1:35 & 7 pm, *The Canterbury Tales* (1972). 3:50 & 9:15 pm, *The Arabian Nights* (1974).

Empowerment Wkshop spons by Marin Center for Indepedent Living. Workshop helps participants develop management skills to get the most from personal assistant services. Topics covered include hiring skills, interviewing skills, scheduling and how to be a good boss. 3-5 pm at MCIL, 710 4th St, San Rafael. Please to not wear perfumes or scented products. ASL interepretors, cognitive facilitator and other accomodations available with 4 days notice. Free. Info/reg: 459-6245 TDD/voice.

Fruit Punch on KPFA 94.1 FM: This country's longest-running gay radio show features Jon Sugar, founder of GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Tonight's theme: "Advice to the Lovelorn: Jon Sugar looks at love & life." Call-ins: 848-4425.

Marin BACW Course in Miracles: Marin Bay Area Career Women spons this ongoing study group for personal & spiritual growth. Group meets Wed, 7-9 pm. Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.

At The Women's Bldg: Selene Mitlyng, PhD, licensed psychologist answers questions about psychotherapy. 7-9 pm, free. Multipurpose Room. 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 585-4498.

See *Free Puerto Rico*, video presented by the National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War & Political Prisoners. Video part of program commemorating the 95th anniversary of the US invasion of Puerto Rico. Includes poetry by Sheila Medina, music by Maria Medina Serafin, plus an update on the international campaign to free the prisoners. 7 pm, $3-5 donation. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 869-5032.

Project Inform Introductory Town Mtg: 7:30 pm at MCC-SF (Metropolitan Community Church), 150 Eureka St, SF. Program: Overview of HIV disease, immune monitoring & treatment strategy, for people with HIV and the general audience. Info: 558-9051.

SF Hiking Club Monthly Mtg/Social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Center, on Collingwood near 18th (next to Cala Market), SF. Kasma, a leader of environmentally & culturally sensitive tours to Thailand, shows her slides emphasizing the natural beauty of the country.

At Freight & Salvage: Acoustic guitar & piano double bill with Helen Casabona & Jackie Miller. 8 pm. Info: (510) 548-1761. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley.

At Printers Inc: Jungian analyst Virginia Beane Rutter discusses her new book *Woman Changing Woman* and argues that a woman-to-woman psychotherapy that draws on ritual, myth & archetype can help contemporary women become more creative & self-aware. 8 pm. 301 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

Doug Holsclaw in "Tattoo Love" at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/31.

At Faster Pussycat! Queer Club: Marilyn's OD Party with performance by *Crewella* and special appearnace by *Dead Marilyn*. $3 till 10 pm, $4 after. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

At DNA Lounge: *Charlie Hunter Trio*. 10 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

AUG 5 / THU

Women Traumatic Abuse Survivors Open Mike at Mama Bears: 7 pm, $3. Women only. Reservations suggested, call (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Pier Paolo Pasolini retrospective at the Castro Theatre ends tonight (see 7/29). Schedule: *Salo* (1975).

Pageant special private performance, a fundraiser for the Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts. Don't miss this knockdown, drag-out battle for Miss Glamouresse—featuring Miss West Coast, Miss Great Plains, Miss Texas, Miss Industrial Northeast, Miss Deep South and the ever-so-frightening Miss Bible Belt. Special 7:30 pm curtain, raffle prizes, champagne & dessert reception and more! Honorary event chair Gail Wilson. Tix $35 & $45. Info/res: 554-0402. Post Street Palace Theatre, 450 Post St, SF (Kensington Park Hotel, 4th floor). Don't miss!

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Baby Dykes—a discussion of the lives of young lesbians today, how it's different from how it used to be. All women welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 583-1649 or Lynn (408) 737-9229.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Bay Area historian Richard Tarnas discusses his new book, *The Passion of the Western Mind: Understanding the Ideas That Have Shaped Our World View*. Tarnas presents pivotal thinkers of Western civilization, from Plato to Hegel, Augustine to Nietzsche, Copernicus to Freud; performing the near-miracle of describing profound philosophical concepts simply, but without simplifying them. 7:30 pm at Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670. Free.

Doug Holsclaw in "Tattoo Love" at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/31.

Summertime Dance Project at Theatre Artaud features Jennifer Kilfoil & Company in the powerfully haunting "The Quiet Violence Trilogy," a work inspired by the complexity of experience we suffer in the name of loving; and their new work, "Sleeptown," put to the breakneck rhythms & upbeat sound of SF's *Yah Yah Littleman*. 8 pm tonight & tmw. 450 Florida St, btwn 17th & Mariposa, SF. Tix $12.50 at door. Portion of proceeds benefit the Parachute Fund of Dance Bay Area, a nonprofit organization providing financial support to dance artists with AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses.

At Printers Inc: Storyteller Michael Meade shares individual stories from his new book, *Men & the Water of Life*, drawing on the traditions of Africa, Asia & Europe to explore men's experiences. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author of *The Dream Book* and *Be Your Own Guru* lectures on "Understanding Your Dreams: Priceless Gifts of Insight. 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. Wheelchair Accessible. Ft Mason Center, Firehouse Room, SF. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

At Freight & Salvage: Two duos from the British Isles—Ed Miller & John Taylor and Holdstock & MacLeod. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. 8 pm. Info: (510) 548-1761.

At DNA Lounge: *Del Tha Funkee Homosapian* and *Total Devastation*. 10 pm, $7. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

AUG 6 / FRI

The Latino/A Client in Treatment: A colloquium at John F Kennedy University, Graduate School of Professional Psychology. 12:30-2 pm, $5. Provides a framework for therapeutic work with latino/a clients, from assessment & diagnosis to treatment. Case vignetters used. 370 Camino Pablo, Orinda. Info: (510) 254-0110.

Women's Country Western Dance & Class—see 7/30.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends: Join us in letting go of the week & your work; bring in Shabbat with song, food, shmoozing & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! SF location this month. 7:30 pm. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. Please wear no scents. Location/directions: (415) 665-8402. Gen'l info: (510) 549-2048.

Summertime Dance Project at Theatre Artaud features Jennifer Kilfoil & Company—see 8/5.

At Freight & Salvage: Hot bluegrass from Texas with Alan Munde & *Country Gazette*. 8:30 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Yee Haw! Queer cowpunk & genuine eccentric Glen Meadmore and his band play a concert in celebration of Glen's 4th album, "Hot, Horny & Born-Again." Doors open at 8 pm, show at 9. $6. Bernice Theatre, 21 Bernice St, SF. Special guests tba. Info/res: 863-5946.

At Mama Bears: 4 Big Girls, an African American lesbian comedy group (Deb Parks-Satterfield, Heather Clark, Rebecca Davis, Carolyn King) in "Bigger than a Breadbox," a no whining, no apologies, in-your-face performance piece about women who take up lots of space. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Reservations suggested. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Doug Holsclaw in "Tattoo Love" at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/31.

At the Tea Spot Cafe: Jill Knight in concert—heartfelt originals with an upbeat message. Show starts at 9 pm, come early for dinner (begins at 6), get a good seat and $2 off the show price ($7). 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

At E'Space: Record release party for Miss Murgatroid's first CD, "Methyl Ethyl key Tones". Event also features Kevin Thompson, *3 Day Stubble Orchestra* and *Babble*. 9 pm, free. 520 Hayes St, SF. Info: 861-4657.

Comedy at Josie's Cabaret: Boston comic Betsy Salkind, formerly of Terrorist Bridesmaids (four women intent on getting a second use out of those dresses) takes on abortion, rape, healthcare, war, growing up Jewish & lesbian in a crazy family and furballs in an outrageous comedy act, joined by Amy Foster, a bright & insightful young performer who worked in theater with the late Charles Ludlam. 10 pm, $10. One night only! 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

AUG 7 / SAT

Free screening of "The Merry Widow," starring Jeanette McDonald, at the Pacific Center in Berkeley on Aug. 7.

CPR (Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation) Class: SF Dept of Public Health, Health Center #4 offers a one-person adult CPR class. 8:45 am-12:30 pm, $25. Participants who pass a knowledge & skills test will receive a certificate from the American Heart Association. Class covers CPR rescuer skills & the Heimlich Maneuver for the adult layperson. Enrollment limited, on a first-come, first-served basis. 1490 Mason St, SF (above the Broadway Tunnel). Info/reg: 705-8500.

Free Plant Disease Clinic offered by UC Botanical Garden: Bring your sick plants or cuttings to the Garden's Meeting Room for this monthly clinic, 9 am-noon. UC plant pathologist Dr Robert Raabe will identify the problem & prescribe treatment for common pests, diseases & infections. Clinic spons by the Friends of the Botanical Garden, it is held every first Sat at the Garden on Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley.

Shades of Jade is the theme of this weekend's Golden Gateway to Gems exhibit spons by the SF Gem & Mineral Society. Features lots of minerals, fossils, jewelry, door prizes, displays, dealers, demos & lectures. 10 am-6 pm today, 10 am-5 pm tmw. Hall of Flowers, SF County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way, SF. $3.50 gen'l, $3 srs, kids under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Info: 564-4230.

Bass Lake Swim with Marin Hike & Bike Club & SF Hiking Club: Meet 10 am outside the Java Cafe in downtown Larkspur, carpool to Bolinas for short hike to Bass Lake, a clothing-optional lake in Pt Reyes Nat'l Seashore. Info: 927-3827.

BACW Sonoma: Join Bay Area Career Women for their August brunch & general meeting: 11:30 am. Help plan horseback riding and 50s dance/country potluck events. For info/location: Amy (707) 874-1621.

Beginning Tarot Class at Two Sisters Bookshop. Taught by Susan Levitt. Noon-3 pm, $35. 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Info: 331-1028.

Marin Women's Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 1:30 pm. Info/location: Betty 479-6643. Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month.

Dyke Separatist Space at Whiptail Lizard Lounge: 4-6 pm, 4035 18th St (in the Castro), SF. If you're a Separatist or would like to know more about Separatist politics, come hang out—bring your sense of humor, info & ideas to share. All non-sadomasochist, female-born Lesbians welcome. No scented products please. Mostly wheelchair accessible, call for details. Info: Lisa (510) 655-8792 or Elizabeth (510) 652-7729.

Jon Sugar's Birthday Party: 3 pm on the patio at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF.

Country Western Dancing for Women: With Donna E at Almonte Club, Almonte & Wisteria Way, Mill Valley. 7 pm instruction, 8:30 pm open dancing. Portions taped for upcoming dance video. $10 tix. Info: Irene Young 927-4442.

Marin BACW Video Night: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of viewing, talking & eating. Potluck dinner, followed by video, *Eating*, a serious comedy about women & food. 7 pm. Info: Avril 383-6737.

AGUILAS Gay Latino Organization holds its general meeting 7-9 pm at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St (across from Safeway), SF. Presentation on Latinos in gay male porn. Info: 648-3702.

SF Dance Theatre continues its "Choreographers Forum" series with works in progress by Dianne Aurelius, Ariel Austria, Gianfranco Lupi, Nathan Wallick plus other guest choreographers. 8 pm, $5. SF Dance Theatre, 60 Brady St, SF. Info/res: 558-9949.

"Chant by Candlelight," final concert of the season presented by *Chanticleer* at Mission Dolores Basilica, Dolores & 16th St, SF. 8 pm tonight & 8/14. Night of melodies from the Middle Ages. Program: Gregorian chant for the feasts of Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter and Marian Antiphons. 8 pm, $19 gen'l, $16 stdts & srs. Info/res: 392-4400.

At Freight & Salvage: A cappella drinking songs from the British Isles with *Oak, Ash & Thorn*. 8:30 pm. Info: (510) 548-1761. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley.

Margie Adam in Concert at Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Doors open at 7:30 pm, concert begins at 8. Tix $9-12 SL. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info/res: (408) 293-9372.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Karen Ripley, Betsy Salkind & Liz Jensen. 10 pm, $10. 3543 18th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Doug Holsclaw in "Tattoo Love" at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/31.

The Kitchen Sink Spotlight Series at Studio Four: improvised music series continues with Ralph Carney presenting an evening featuring several different aspects of his music. 8:30 pm, $4. Info: 863-0582. 2702 18th St at York, SF.

At the Tea Spot Cafe: Gay & lesbian comedy with Karla Carmony, Amy Boyd & Lallo. 9 pm, $8. Dinner served starting at 6 pm. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Aqua Velvets, Violets* and *Sideways*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

AUG 8 / SUN

Marin BACW PPD: Join Bay Area Career Women's Personal & Professional Development Group for a two-hour demo & participation class on healing touch. Learn how this technique helps improve your health, balance your body's energy, increase relaxation & re-

duce stress. Taught by Carol, a practicing holistic nurse with a PHN & BSN degree. $5. Class followed by potluck brunch & social. Info/res: Janice 383-6736 by 8/1.

Shades of Jade: SF Gem & Mineral Society's Golden Gateway to Gems exhibit ends today! See 8/7.

Healing Touch Wkshop spons by Marin BACW: Bay Area Career Women's Personal & Professional Development group offers a 2-hour demo & participation class. Learn a healing technique to help you improve your health, balance your body's energy, increase relaxation & reduce stress. Taught by Carol, a practicing holistic nurse with a PHN & BSN degree. 10 am, $5. Class followed by potluck brunch & social. Limit: 15 women. For info/res call Janice 383-6737.

Negatives Being Positive group meets at Hamburger Mary's for tasty brunch & fine conversation: 10:30 am social hour, brunch at 11:30 am. Info/RSVP: Neil 255-7672. Bring a friend. 1582 Folsom St at 12th, SF.

Potluck Brunch for Men spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.

Old Lesbians Panel Discussion: Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) and OLOC. Topic: Issues affecting relationships between life-long lesbians and later-in-life lesbians. 3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Benny Velarde Super Combo*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Kathy Jones, feminist spiritual leader, therapist, founder of the University of Avalon in Glastonbury, England, and author of *The Ancient British Goddess* and *the Goddess in Glastonbury* discusses "The Goddess and the Arthurian Legend," and signs copies of her books. 5 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Doug Holsclaw in "Tattoo Love" at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/31.

At Freight & Salvage: Ragtime trio *Bo Grumpus*. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

AUG 9 / MON

Reading & Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm at 77 Waller St, SF. Potluck supper/discussion. August title: *He, She & It* by Marge Piercy. Info: 626-7000.

At Cody's Books: Editor Patricia Riley discusses *Growing Up Native American: An Anthology*. Her book brings together several important & moving works of fiction & nonfiction which characterize the great diversity of Native American culture & thought. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Scott Silverman. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 8 pm, $5. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

18th Annual SF Int'l Stand-Up Comedy Competition opens tonight at The Punch Line, 444 Battery St, SF. This is Round I, with the first half of the field competing for money, fame & glory. For further info including finals, tix, etc call Anne, Rocki or Nikki 383-8394.

parents & kids box

"Knocked Up" a commedia dell'arte for teens about a woman's right to choose, July 31 & Aug 1. See below for info.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program provides a wide variety of parenting resources, for details call 565-7674. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm and last 1-2 hrs, sign-ups begin at 12:30, call 554-9600 for details. August Classes: 8/7: **Monoprinting** with Takeshi Nakayoshi: Learn to make quick, colorful, one-of-a-kind prints with a dynamic professional artist; $4 per person. 8/14: **Stone Age Pottery** with Dennis Treanor: Learn about the history of pottery while making & decorating coil & pinch pottery as it was done thousands of years ago; $3 per person. 8/21: **Postcards from the Randall** with Julie Dodd: Design & make your own unique postcards using maps & other collage materials; $3 per person. 8/28: **Science Puzzles** with John Dillon: John uses pennies, balloons, broomstocks & bottles to try to stump you with simple problems that flex brain musicles & teach a little science at the same time; $2 per person. **Other Saturday Programs:** Free **"Animal Talk,"** at 2:15 pm every Sat. **Model Railroad Exhibit** 2nd & 4th St, 1-4 pm. **Master Crafts Demo** 8/28, 12:30-2 pm; Betsy Berberian gives a craft demo on neon sign making. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.

Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! Info: (510) 836-2165.

Non-Biological Moms to Be Group: See the "Parenting & Family Resources" section of the Resource Guide for details.

Pregnant Now Group for lesbians, singles/couples, who are now pregnant. See "Parenting & Family Resources" section of the Resource Guide.

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Annual Summer Camp will be held in August. For more info on this event call 457-1115. Newcomers welcome! Spons by Spectrum.

Children's Story Hour at Modern Times Bookstore: 7/31 at 3 pm. Tio Carlos/Uncle Peace (Carlos Ramirez), Bay Area singer/storyteller explores the magical world of children's fairytales, modern fictions & songs from Venezuela, South Africa & New York's Lower East Side. 968 Valencia St, SF.

Summer Classes for youth, teens and adults, offered by the Sharon Art Studio (part of SF Recreation & Parks Dept). Ceramics, drawing & painting, basic drawing, Chinese brush painting, jewelry, leaded glass, glass fusing, watercolor. Info/free brochure: 753-7006/04.

Green Stuff! Day Camp spons by University of California Botanical Garden: Week-long programs on the wide world of plants, offered for kids ages 5-11 years of age. 8/2-6 session is for for 5-7 year olds, from 9 am-2 pm. 8/9-13 session is for 8-11 year olds, from 9 am-3 pm. $100 per child, per session. To register send check payable to "UC Regents" to Education Dept, UC Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, Berkeley 94720, attn: Green Stuff! or call Nancy Swearengen at (510) 642-3352.

For Kids at the deYoung Museum: Fri, 8/6 & 13, 10 am-2 pm: **"Beauty & Mystery—Teotihuacan: City of the Gods,"** children explore the beauty & mysery of Teotihuacan in classes taught by specially trained high school students. Kids view the exhibit, examine touchable art & participate in an art-related activity. Classes available in English & Spanish, they're free, but adv reg is required & kids can enroll in only one class. Call 750-7641 for info/res. **"Doing & Viewing Art"**, for kids ages 7-13. Sat 8/7, 14 & 21, 10:30 am-noon. Tours of current exhibits are followed by studio workshops given by professional artist/teachers. Kids learn about art by seeing & making it. Children accepted on drop-in basis. Free. Info: 750-3658. **"Creative Campus,"** for ages 9-15, 8/16-27, 9 am-3 pm: Full-day summer arts camp. Participants study visual arts, theater, dance & music at the deYoung Museum and the Academy of Sciences. $260. Info: 331-7742.

"Knocked Up," written by Judy Juanita & Tina Tree Murch. A comedy for teens about sex, choice & other misadventures. A SF Mime Troupe Second Stage production, presented by Teatro Mision. Play is a commedia dell'Arte about a woman's right to choose. Runs 7/31 & 8/1 at 2 pm at Teatro Mision, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tix $5 gen'l, $3 under 18.

PLEASE NOTE: *Don't forget to check the Parenting sections of the Open Exchange Classifieds and the Resource Guide for more parenting resources.*

AUG 10 / TUE

Marin BACW Business Mtg: Join Marin Bay Area Career Women as they plan activities for the upcoming months. All interested women are welcome. 7 pm. Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.

At Cody's Books: Author/priestess Zsuzsanna Budapest reads from her book, *The Goddess in the Office: Personal Energy Guide for the Spiritual Warrior at Work*. Book combines down-to-earth advice with traditional magic, wit & whimsy to produce an empowering brew for working women. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

"Lovestream: Energies of Transformation," a talk by Sol Ta Triane & Tefferli Powers. Intro to a different system for enlightenment & the receiving of new healing capabilities. 7 pm. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by special guest model. 7 pm, 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Moving from Your Head to Your Heart: Wkshop at SF Jewish Community Center. Led by Sharon Garell, MA, MFCC. Learn how to make a positive shift from your head to your heart; treat yourself in a kinder, more accepting way. 7:30 pm, $10. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-4060.

Pearl Cleage, Atlanta-based writer, performance arist & award-winning playwright discusses her new book,*Deals with the Devil: And Other Reasons to Riot*, a collection of 30 essays that challenge the reader to see that the personal & the political are one. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Women's Country Western Dance in the Eastbay, see 8/3.

AUG 11 / WED

Project Share: Monthly informational gathering for Oakland & Berkeley residents interested in finding shared housing or sharing their home. 2:30 pm at 3102 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-9030.

Tea Spot Cafe's Poets & Writers Salon features Patricia Dienstfrey and Rena Rosenwasser, co-founders of Kelsey Press. Exploration of social & sexual identity in collapsed forms (poetry/prose). Sign-ups for open mike & dinner service begin at 6 pm. Open mike begins at 6:30 pm, featured readers at 7:30. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Stephanie Kaza, environmentalist, Buddhist feminist & author of *The Attentive Heart* shares her book on her experience as a naturalist & meditator in relation to trees. 6:30 pm at 519 Mendocino Ave #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Marin BACW Course in Miracles Group —see 8/4.

At A Clean, Well-Lighted Place for Books: Dr Dean Ornish discusses his new book, *Eat More, Weigh Less*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Tantra: An Introduction: Wkshop at Good Vibrations with Stephen Clark & Marilyn King, who present the vision of the Temple of the Sacred Sensual Arts in San Rafael. Learn about basic tantric practices (eye contact, breathing techniques, heart connection), setting clear boundaries and sensual body movements that can increase your pleasure & connection in lovemaking. 8-10 pm, $20. Pre-reg required. Info/reg: 974-8980. 1210 Valencia St, SF.

Kate Bornstein in "The Opposite Sex... Is Neither." Take one part Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life," add a little "Sex Characters in Search of an Author," give everyone a gender change or two and you have Bornstein's performance piece, a continuing exploration of the definitions & implications of gender; a continuation of her long-running hit, "Hidden: A Gender." Bornstein, a local transsexaul lesbian & writer, plays transsexuals who are male-to-female, female-to-male, she-males and women passing as men. The piece tackles head on the concepts of gender and belonging, sex and ownership, seduction and obedience. Don't miss! 8 pm, $10. Plays Wed-Sun, 8/11-22 at 8 pm. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Printers Inc: Pearl Cleage, outspoken Black feminist, journalist, performance artist & playwright discusses her new book, *Deals with the Devil*, an uncompromising look at the experiences of African American women confronting both sexism & racism in America. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

At Faster Pussycat! *Tribe 8*. $4 all night. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

AUG 12 / THU

A Forgotten Epidemic: *The Era of Illegal Abortion*. A video & discussion presented by filmmaker/historian Dorothy Fadiman. Documentary presents evidence of the physical dangers & emotional effects of restrictive abortion laws before *Roe vs Wade*. Film introduces people who lived thru the era of illegal abortion, including doctors & health care workers who describe the wretched conditions of those times and the disastrous results of back-alley abortions. Followed by discussion. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, UCSF, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-5222.

Medi-Benefits Presentation for Seniors: 1 pm at Montefiore Senior Center, 3200 California St, SF. Arleen Goodwin, co-director of Senior Medi-Benefits, non-profit medical claims management service, provides clarification on various aspects of applying for benefits, filling out forms & filing for reimbursement. $2. Anyone 55 & over is welcome to attend. Info: Ada Burko 346-6040 ext 3061.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 8/26 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

At Cody's Books: Diana Abu-Jaber reads from her debut novel *Arabian Jazz*, the story of Jemorah & Melvina, the daughters of a jazz-loving Arab father and an American mother who died when they were children. Now in their 20s, they are torn between the advice of their opinionated Jordanian aunts and the individualism of American culture. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Alliance for District Elections holds a series of neighborhood forums on district elections. Public planning meetings held tonight & 8/24, 7-9 pm at the State Building, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, rm 1200, SF. For info call 541-5047.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Pet Peeves—Everything You Love to Hate. All women are welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 583-1649 or Lynn (408) 737-9229.

A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Geoffrey Bellman discusses his new book, *Getting Things Done When You Are Not in Charge*. Book shows how managers, administrators, supervisors & other employees can get their own work done while supporting the work of others. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Kate Bornstein in "The Opposite Sex... Is Neither!" at Josie's Cabaret. This solo performance piece is an exploration of the definitions & implications of gender, a continuation of Bornstein's long-running hit, "Hidden: A Gender". Bornstein, local transsexual lesbian writer & performer, presents a dizzying array of transgendered characters—transsexuals who are male-to-female & female-to-male, she-males and women passing as men. In a gentle poke at today's New Age, her central character is a goddess-in-training who took the wrong turn at the moon and has to complete her homework assignment here on earth. The piece tackles head on the concepts of gender and belonging, sex and ownership, seduction and obedience; and provides an intelligent and penetrating lok at the many faces of the transgendered. Show runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 8/22. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

Lavender Lounge screens two new episodes of queer TV: "Board of Sups Hearing" and "Salute to Gay Veterans". 8:30 pm, $3-7. 992 Valencia St at 20th, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Club Ebony Dance Party at El Rio with DJ Evol-E. 9 pm, $3. Produced by Nubia Productions for women. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At DNA Lounge: *Daddy Don't Go* record release party, with guests *Pomegranate*. 9:30 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison Sts, SF. Info: 626-1409.

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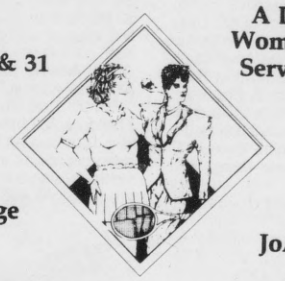

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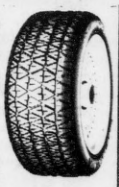

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On Exhibit at the de Young: "Arneson & Politics: A Commemorative Exhibition," thru 8/15. "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, thru 8/22. "Viewpoints XXI: Politics & Populism: 20th Century Mexican Prints & Drawings from the Achenbach Foundation for the Graphic Arts," on exhibit thru 9/12. "Xochitl in Cuicat/Flower Song: Ten Nahuatl Poems from 16th Century Chronicles with Monoprints by Gustavo Ramos Rivera," exhibit on view thru 9/12. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit of Art Nouveau style clothing; thru 9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "General Idea's Fin de Siecle," This exhibit by General Idea comprises work made since 1987 that takes the AIDS crisis as its central allegory; exhibit runs thru 9/5; 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

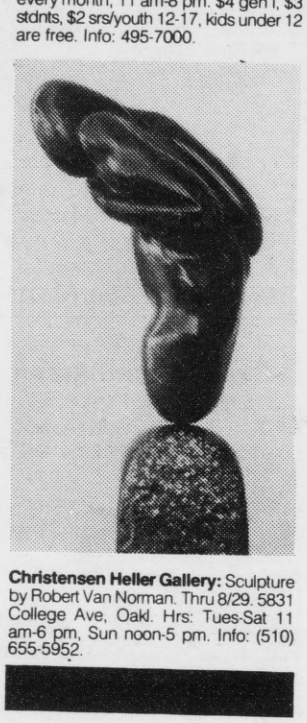
Oakland Museum: "Sono Osato: Oakland Drawers," sculptural installation created from found objects, based on the artist's research into the history of the city of Oakland, thru 10/2. "Highlights from the Arts & Crafts Movement in California," thru 8/15. "Sharks! Fact & Fantasy," interactive, life-size displays on exhibit thru 9/5. "Imogen Cunningham: Ideas Without End," thru 9/19. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-7 pm. 1000 Oak St at 10th (one block from Lake Merritt BART, five blocks from highways 880 & 980). Admission free unless noted. Info: (510) 238-3402.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Prophetic Quest: 75th Anniversary of Jacob Landau," exhibit honors the 75th birthday of this famed artist; thru 9/19. "Evolution of an Artist," photos & prints by EM Lilien; thru 9/19. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Jewish Museum: "Resistance & Rescue," exhibit of 43 black & white photographs of Judy Ellis Glickman which record the flight of Denmark's Jews to Sweden. The exhibit is supplemented by the oral & written recollections of Bay Area residents, both rescuers & survivors. Exhibit runs thru 8/15, and admission is free for this exhibit. Hrs: Sun-Wed, 11 am-5 pm, first Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm.

The Mexican Museum: "Gronk! A Living Survey: 1973-1993," works on exhibit 8/4-11/21. Opening reception 8/6, 6-8 pm. "Cafe with Gronk," an informal discussion with Gronk about his life as an artist, 8/7, 3 pm. Upcoming wkshop by Gronk (in Sept), call for details. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info:202-9700.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. Ansel Adams Port- folio IV," thru 9/5. "Proof: Los Angeles Art & the Photograph, 1960-1980," thru 8/22. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-5 pm; 1st Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.



Christensen Heller Gallery: Sculpture by Robert Van Norman. Thru 8/29. 5831 College Ave, Oakl. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. Info: (510) 655-5952.

Art Attack Gallery: "The Year of the Cock: Erotic Art," exhibit of provocative & engaging art bringing together a wide array of contemporary expressions of eroticism. Featured artists include Jake Flaherty, Will Roger, Crimson Rose, Rik Livingston, Zannah Noe, Steven Hitchcock, Monet Clark, Jane DeForest, Scott Siedman, Michael Read, Laura LaForest Lengyel, Rex Bruce, Gretchen Vitamvas, Aaron J Cohen, Gary Comoglio, Rog Sangalli, Chuck Stevens, Mustapha Mond, John Pollard, JW Diehl, Fedele Pacelli, Roger Iicot, Peter Oppeneheimer & Charles Rediger. Related events: Opening reception 7/30 features leather, latex & bondage wear fashion show. 7/31 poetry reading & erotic performance with Carol Queen & Linda Serbu. 323 Divsadero St, SF. Info: 621-3505.

Asian Art Museum: "Earth Bones: Strange Rocks from the Collection of Ian & Susan Wilson," exhibit of *guaishi* ("strange rocks"), thru 9/12. Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit Hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD 752-2635.

Circle Gallery of Animation & Cartoon Art: Exhibit of animation art from the new animated TV series, "Rugrats". On exhibit thru 8/8. 465 Powell St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Sun-Tues, 10 am-10 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 781-5464.

The Clay Studio: "Open Bloom," recent paintings in the Ling Nan style by Duc To; on exhibit thru 8/7. Hrs: Wed-Sat, 10 am-5 pm, and by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

Gallery on the Rim: "Mojuu Totem Sticks," exhibit of carved staffs and related paintings by John P Choice, on exhibit thru 8/14. Exhibit of work by Jayne A Harnett, mixed media on paper & sculpture (marionettes & masks), opens 8/17, artist's reception 8/20, 6-10 pm. Exhibit runs thru 8/29. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.

John Francis Studio Gallery: "The Transformed World of Zoravia Bettiol," exhibit of works by Brazilian artist Zoravia Bettiol. Opening reception 7/31, 1-5:30 pm, works on exhibit thru 8/31. 580 York St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-4 pm. Info: 864-0280.

The Luggage Store Gallery: "Cultural Void," mixed media sculpture by Shawn Weber and paintings & sculpture by Craig Bono. Opening reception 8/6, 6-9 pm, works on exhibit thru 9/5. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, 1-5 pm, and by appt. 1007 Market St, SF. Info: 255-5971.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Introductions 1993," and "Lynne Cohen: Lost & Found," on exhibit thru 8/28. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

Morphos Gallery: "Mobility," an installation by Elliott Linwood, thru 9/15. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

Pro Arts Gallery: "Kate Connell: Loss of Limb," a multimedia installation exploring physicality; and "Scott Braley: The Homeless Photography Project," selection of works resulting from a continuing project teaching photography to the homeless; "Drawings by Barry Simons"; thru 8/21. 461 9th St at Broadway, nr 12th, Oakl. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Richmond Art Center: "Issues & Objects: Northern California Craft in the 1990s," on exhibit thru 9/12. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

NIAD Gallery: "Exquisite NIAD: Open Studio Exhibit," of works by disabled artists; thru 7/31. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

New Langton Arts Gallery: Work by Carrie Mae Weems on exhibit thru 7/31. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Mixed Medium Works by artists with AIDS. Show spons by EACH (Early Advocacy & Care of HIV) Program and Continuum HIV Day Services. Abstracts, collages, icons, nudes, scenery and still lifes on wood, acrylics, oils, watercolors, tapestry, ceramic & mixed media. Thru August. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210.

"Scapes," new watermedia interior & exterior landscapes by Eileen Blodgett, on exhibit thru 9/1 at New Conservatory Theatre Gallery, 25 Van Ness Ave. Info: 861-8972.

"Reclamation," paintings & mixed media by Carol Johnson at Brick Hut Cafe, thru August 2. 3222 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 658-5555.

"About Time," artwork by participants in positive art; an exhibit of paintings, drawings, sculpture, poetry & mixed media works created by men & women living with HIV disease. On exhibit thru 8/14 at Nexus Gallery, 2701 8th St at Carleton, Berkeley. Viewing by appt only, call (510) 486-8118.

Solo Exhibition of watercolors by SF gay artist Richard Bolingbroke. Thru August at Sweet Inspirations Gallery Cafe, 2239 Market St, SF. Informal reception 8/5, 6-8 pm. Ten percent of proceeds benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Death Row Art Show: American Friends Service Committee spons exhibit of works by prisoners on California's Death Row, including works by David Mason, who is scheduled to be executed 8/24. Friends Center, 2160 Lake St, SF.

"Los Hermanos Gonzalez Chavajay: Mariano & Matias," narrative genre oil paintings by two Tz'utujil-Maya artists from Guatemala, on exhibit thru 9/6 at Cafe Nidal, 2491 Mission St, SF. Opening reception 8/4, 6-8 pm. Info: 285-4334.

Photos by Jill Posener on exhibit at Eichelberger's Restaurant thru 7/18. Exhibit includes both her acclaimed documentation of the work of graffiti artists, her erotic studies and her portraits of many of the luminaries of our time. 2472 17th St (two blocks past Folsom), SF. Info: 863-4177.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Gertrude Parker: A Lightness in Being," exhibit of sculpture made out of gut (hog or beef intestines) with wire; thru 8/29. "From the Heart of Ogun: Steel Drum Sculptures of Haiti," exhibit of metal sculpture made by Haitian artists using recycled steel drums; thru 8/29. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute: "Sue Williams: Recent Work," paintings dealing with domestic dysfunction, eating disorders, obsessive behavior & the violent psychological & sexual abuse of women, on exhibit thru 8/14. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.

Acclaimed British photographer Jill Posener will be exhibiting a retrospective of her works at Eichelberger's restaurant thru Aug. 18. See Galleries for info. Photo by Jill Posener

University Art Museum: "Gertrude Jekyll: Private Gardens, Vanishing Arts," thru 9/19 at Theater Gallery. Several garden tours plus film screening & lectures to be held in conjunction with this exhibit, please call for details. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Pacific Film Archive: "Pomp & Circumstance: American Film in the '60s," series of 36 programs offering dramatic features, comedies, music films & political & experimental cinema from the 1960s, including work by a wide variety of artists. The series will include several in-person appearances by directors. Call for program details. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-1412.

Vision Gallery: Photos by Harry Callahan on exhibit thru 8/28. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Vorpal Gallery: "What's New?" exhibit of works by 40 artists from SF & NY galleries. Runs thru 9/18. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

MACE Space for Art: "Biomorphic Fantasies II," solo exhibit by Glenn Hirsch, on exhibit thru 8/30. Opening reception 7/30, 6-9 pm. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

on stage

Gone Dollywood, musical performance piece by David E Johnston, takes place in a Tennessee mental home where inmates exhibit pathological devotion to country superstar Dolly Parton & all that she symbolizes. Show runs thru 8/9 at Kiki, 483 14th St, SF. 8 pm, $6. Info/res: 863-KIKI (5454).

Free Will & Wanton Lust by Nicky Silver. Hilarious & harrowing comedy about an uproariously dysfunctional Park Avenue family. Cable Car Theatre production. Show runs Tues-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 2 & 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, in an open-ended engagement. Tix: $25 Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm; $30 Fri & Sat at 8 pm; $20 Sat & Sun at 2 pm. 430 Mason St, SF. Info/res: 982-SHOW (7469).

String of Pearls, four mini-operas based on mythological subjects written by leading composers & librettists. See Kathleen Cramer's "Happy Hour Becomes Electra," in which Electra & her family hash it out over cocktails and a few salted nuts; O-Lan Jones' "Herakles & the Hydra" in which our hero is entangled with his many-headed fate; "Modesto" by Beth Custer, in which four mysterious people, lost in a desert, sing about thirst & music and "Goddess of the Hunt" by J Raoul Brody, in which beautiful Diana, queen of the goddesses, withdraws her affections from husband Bud, who seeks solace in the arms of another hot babe, Death. Overtone Industries production. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, 7/29-8/15. Gala performance 7/30 at 8:30 pm. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St at 22nd, SF. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts, srs & financially disadvantaged. $25 gala performance. Info/res: 641-0235.

Close Your Mind & Kiss Me by the Underworld Opera Company, in collaboration with Aquavideo video production collective. Farce follows the voyage of the rocket cruiser Kozy Fire, a vessel of the Intergalactic Federation for Convenience & Dependability. Runs Fri & Sat at 8:30 & 10:30 pm, 7/29-31, 8/5-7, 12-14. Somar Theater, 934 Brannan St, SF. Info/res: (510) 268-0246.

Three Sisters by Chekhov. Classic features a new translation into "American stage English" by CD Elinas. Classic Theatre Project production runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm thru 8/7. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

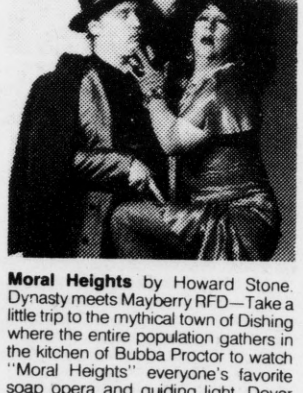
Harm's Way by Mac Wellman. A fantastical adventure thru a carnival of Americana. Play depicts a male archetype, "Santouche", whose eleven-scene journey is a self-justified rampage thru a politically incorrect, dysfunctional & cruel society. Diggin Hole production. Runs Thurs-Sat thru 8/7 at ExitTheatre, 366 Eddy St, SF. Tix $6-10. Info/res: 673-3847.

Snapshots from the Asylum by Madine Ish. A multi-personality solo extravaganza of comic insanity that takes a hilarious & unflinching look at a life spent shuttling between a successful stand-up career & an insane asylum. The Marsh production. Plays Thurs-Sat, thru 8/28 at 8 pm at La Val's Subterranean Cabaret, 1832 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-7743. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 srs & stdnts.

Prelude to a Kiss by Craig Lucas. Gentle, magical love story. Hillbarn Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sun thru 8/28. 7 pm Wed, 8 pm Thurs-Sat, 2 pm Sun. Tix $9-15. Info/res: 349-6411. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E. Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City.

Why We Have A Body by Claire Chafee. Chafee's hit play, a humorous exploration of female myths & relationships (including an affair between a married woman and a lesbian private investigator) has been extended for a third time. Play runs Wed-Sun at at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 8/29. Bayfront Theater, Ft Mason Bldg B, SF. Third floor. Tix $17-23 gen'l, srs & stdnts $12. Info/res: 441-8822.

Offshore, SF Mime Troupe presents the new play for its 31st summer season of free plays in parks. "Offshore" is set in the very near future. The US & Japan are locked in a trade dispute—the US threatens prohibitive tariffs on Japanese semiconductors unless Japan allows imports of American rice—which industry will become a sacrifice to global economy? Play runs in various SF & Eastbay parks throughout the summer. For showtimes & other info call 285-1717.



Moral Heights by Howard Stone. Dynasty meets Mayberry RFD—Take a little trip to the mythical town of Dishing where the entire population gathers in the kitchen of Bubba Proctor to watch "Moral Heights" everyone's favorite soap opera and guiding light. Dover production. Runs every Sun beginning 8/1, in an open-ended run. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. 8 pm, $7. Info/res: 626-KILL.

Baby Cheeks—The Play by Mel Clay. Hardcore for the hardcore. Three SF girl runaways/drug abusers/street prostitutes want to start a band, but they have no songs, can't remember lyrics and the drummer just died. It's the day of the funeral, they're broke and need to get high. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater production. Opens 7/29, runs Fri & Sat at 9 pm, open-ended. Tix $10. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St, btwn 11th & 12th off Howard, SF. Info/res: 552-3034.

Forty-Deuce a play by Alan Bowne. Harsh & realistic portrayal of pre-AIDS, early Reagan-era street life laces sex, drugs, class & death into a powerful story of mistrust & failed ambitions. Four NY street hustlers get caught in a blackmail scheme that appears to be a way out but becomes a downward spiral from which they cannot escape. State of Vermont production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm thru 8/21. Tix $12. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Metamorphosis, Steve Berkoff's adaptation of Franz Kafka's classic. Gregor Samsa, the commercial traveler who awakens one morning to find himself transformed into a gigantic dung beetle, is not longer a lost, alientated soul consumed by the terror of living. Instead he is a martyred victim of a greedy, parasitic society symbolized by his father. SF Theatre Project production. Previews 8/5, opens 8/6, runs Wed-Sun thru 8/22 at 8:30 pm. Tix $10-$17.50. Info/res: 474-8855. Magic Theatre-Southside, Ft Mason Center, SF.

Oh Lady! Lady! by Jerome Kern & PJ Wodehouse. Part of 42nd Street Moon's "Rediscovering the Lost Musical" series, a retrospective featuring lesser-known works of 20th century composers & writers. Thru 8/1. Thurs-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 6 & 9 pm, Sun at 2 pm. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 861-8972.

Ker-SHMACKidda: Live musical sketch comedy extravaganza. Witness two fat fags & a skinny straight girl carry on like poor white trash for only five bucks. Show runs 7/30, 8/7, 8/13 & 8/28 at 9 pm. Tix $5. Pre-show cocktail hour 8-9 pm. Kimo's, Polk & Pine, SF.

Metropolis improv comedy group presents a panorama of unique characters, scenes & songs at Marina Music Hall. Sat, 8:30 pm, thru 10/30. Tix $8. Info/res: 563-2496. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, 2nd fl, SF.

The Cereal Killers, a rock opera written by D'Arcy Drollinger. Pop trio Enrique stars in the world premiere of this rock opera, described as "the Rocky Horror Show meets Bye Bye Birdie." The plot centers around Junior Jones, a lonely adolescent whose only companions are his estranged mother and his 24" color TV set. His life changes when he enters a TV contest and is thrust into the surreal world of television. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, with a special mid-

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► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area,* a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent with Disabling Disease Drop-in Support Group spons by the SF AIDS Foundation: Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & other topics. Fri, 1:30-3 pm, SF AIDS Foundation, 3rd floor conference room, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 864-5855 or just drop in! No group held on 11/26 & 12/31 1993.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Gay/Bi Men's Peer Support Group meets Fri 10 am-noon at Pacific Center Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301, Walnut Creek. Open group, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: Margaret Walker (510) 939-7711.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

Kaiser-San Francisco offers several HIV drop-in support groups: asymptomatic HIV, symptomatic HIV, AIDS, caregivers, women with HIV, multiple loss, HIV-negative men. For more info call Melissa Farley 202-2292.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: Offers groups, grief support & resource materials for partners, spouses, friends & family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Intro sessions Thurs 7:30 pm. Weekly open house Fri 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome! 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: 861-0877

Home Care Companions, Inc offers free home care skills workshops for PWAs, their partners, family & friends. Get practical advice needed to help manage HIV disease at home. Licensed professionals teach the basics in a frank, positive atmosphere. The 5-evening course is offered monthly. Info/res: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

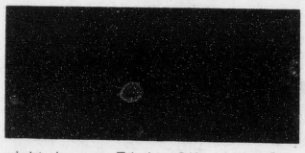
Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual



night show on Fri, thru 9/21. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St at Octavia, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 626-5455.

"Gravytrain Takes the Rein," an evening of performance, dance & music with Dancers' Group/Footwork. Thurs-Sat, 8/5-7, 12-14 at 8:30 pm. Tix $10. No one turned away for lack of funds. Footwork, 3221 22nd St, SF. Info/res: 824-5044.

The Lost Episode One of These Days 2: hilarious comedy by Joseph Leonardi & Jeff Thompson, the sequel to last year's hit, "One of Those Days." Play finds the gay sons of "The Honeymooners" partying with the Daughters of Lesbos. Theatre Rhino production. Runs thru 8/14, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm. Tix $12. 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

On Sight (in Sausalito) Audience members wear portable radio receiver headsets & hear a montage of interviews, sound effects & music. Masks, giant puppets, performance sculpture, video & interactive audio technology also used. Antenna Theater production. Show previews 7/30 & 31, runs 8/6-9/11 at Sausalito City Hall parking lot, 420 Litho St (2 blocks west of Bridgeway), Sausalito. Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm. Tix $15 gen'l, $7.50 previews. Adv res required. Info/res: 331-8512.

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HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV+ Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF. 2nd floor. 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Qi Gong Instruction offered at low charge ($1 per class) to SF residents with HIV/AIDS by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Qi gong is a excercise/meditation practice from China which helps cultivate vitality & build endurance. Classe held Mon & Wed mornings, 11 am-noon at the ACTCM Community Clinic, 450 Conneticut St on Potrero Hill in SF. Instructor Charles Alston, LAc. Info/reg: 282-9603: Space limited.

Stop AIDS Mtg for men 50 & older. Meet other gay & bisexual men your age at a free, one-time, informal meeting to talk about safe sex; confidentially share your feelings, ideas & knowledge about AIDS and the effect it is having on us. Meetings are pro-gay & sex-positive, and designed to show us that we can still carry on sexual relationships. Info/reg: 621-7177.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

The Hearing Society of the Bay Area provides services for people with hearing loss related to HIV infection. Group offers a hearing aid loan program, hearing loss & communication classes for people with HIV/AIDS, voc rehab, social work services, loans of assistive devices & other audiological services. Fees determined by income, ability to pay & eligibility for MediCal, Medicare or Dept of Rehab programs. Karen 693-5870 (voice), 834-1005 (TDD)

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Comic Sabrina Matthews will compete in the 18th Annual SF Int'l Stand-up Comedy Competition, opening Aug. 9 at the Punch Line.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9" x 6" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox therapy for alcohol/drug withdrawal for HIV-positive/PWA gay men. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

Pyramid Ridge Wellness Ctr: Scenic retreat focused on HIV healing. Offers private sessions & workshops. Uses effective energy technique that is non-invasive & non-biological. Fee based on ability to pay. Info: Carol Hannum (707) 869-0985.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV+/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV+ Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV+ Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV+ African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS, 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

Positive Resource, Inc: Nonprofit job referral service for people who are HIV positive. Organization provides a pool of skilled personnel to corporations, small businesses & individuals who require temporary & permanent employees. Info: Dori 928-1448.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

Veterans with HIV: You're not alone! Join fellow vets for an evening support group, camping trips & other social activities—free! Group meets at the VA clinic in Oakland, nr 12th St BART Station and all the bus lines. Both Eastbay & SF vets are welcome, the staff is very gay/lesbian-friendly! Info: Mike Rankin, MD (510) 273-7331.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 883-1921.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Henry Ohlhoff Programs (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354.

Discover Your Right Livelihood Group: Talk about career goals & interests in a safe, anonymous 12-Step environment. DA/ACA Right Livelihood Meeting. 6:45 pm Mon at the Dry Dock, 2118 Greenwich St at Fillmore, SF. On the 22 Fillmore & the 43 Masonic Muni lines.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

Bay Area Bisexual Women's Network: Loose network of bi women's groups around the Bay Area who offer support/discussion groups, spons wkshops & organize women-only events & social activities. For newsletter listing activities, discussion topics & other info call 641-1308 eves only.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 1-3 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bi-Support Group at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek: 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Eastbay Bi Women's Social Group meets at the Tea Spot in Berkeley on Thurs, 7-9 pm. Info: Judith (510) 528-5331.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Peninsula Bi-Guys group for men into male bonding, beach parties, massage, hot springs, houseboat trips, bicycling, hiking, dining out, theater, cards, games & great conversation. Info: Roger 369-1610 or PO Box 610071, Redwood City, 94061.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5

donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

Marin Bisexual Social/Support Group meets in Central Marin on 1st & 3rd Wed of each month. Interested men & women are welcome. Info: Larry 454-5638.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Queer Asian/American Writers & Performers. Mini-series of queer Asian/Asian-American/Pacific Islander performance & spoken word, late August, 848 Community Space. Submit material on themes of: The Body/Eroticism—"Bambooshoot Jungle: The Asian Penis/The Asian Clitoris" and "Swimming Past Kansas: Native/Tourist/Other." Artists, performers & writers should send a brief proposal, writing sample or tape, brief bio, SASE if you wish materials returned. Working for cut of box office. Send materials (&SASE for more detailed info) to: Lisa Asagi/Justin Chin, Art Buffalo, 250A Guerrero St., SF 94103. Deadline Aug. 5.

Dykes on Bikes Retrospective: Woman artist seeks photos or negatives documenting Dykes on Bikes from previous Gay Day parades for upcoming show. Info: 512-5788.

Feminist/Womanist Writers Journal seeks entries from writers who support radical feminism, lesbian/womanist rights & community-building, re-instituting the matriarchy and changing sexist/racist language as a tool of empowerment. Journal to be launched in fall of 1993. For info/details: Suzanne (510) 540-7007 or JB (510) 601-8115.

Gay & Lesbian GOP Anthology: Gay & lesbian Republicans are encouraged to submit essays for a forthcoming anthology to be published by Alyson Publications in 1994. Anthology is being edited by Log Cabin Club president Rich Tafel. Personal stories, history, political perspectives & strategies are welcome. Send SASE to Rich Tafel, 21 Kirkland St, Cambridge, MA 02138. Deadline: 9/30.

Bearing the Unbearable: Stories of Losing Loved Ones to AIDS: Submissions sought for an anthology edited by Leslea Newman, to be published by Crossing Press. First person nonfiction narratives in prose & poetry sought. Send SASE for writers guidelines BEFORE sending manuscript to: Leslea Newman, Bearing the Unbearable, PO Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: 3/15/94.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

The Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

The Wellness Community: A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Men's Nude Drawing Group: For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends; celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

Quicktricks, America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club, offers 8-wk series of classes for beginners (you can start at anytime). Call 641-4355 for info.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual International Folkdancing Group meets Tues, 7:30-9:30 at Eureka Valley Recreational Center on Collingwood St in the Castro, SF. Learn mostly line dances from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Israel, Canada, Scandanavia, etc. Beginners are welcome! No partner needed. Teaching 7:30-, dancing 8-9:30. Info: Jim 585-9784. Group is about evenly split, male & female.

Gay Macintosh Users Group meets every 4th Mon: 7 pm social, 7:30 pm program. Nonprofit. Everyone welcome! New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 552-GMUG.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential..

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Cver-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of

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• Call for free initial consultation •

Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a countywide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-mous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

LYRIC Youth Talkine for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning youth (23 & under): Talk to other young people, get info on events & activities. SF: 863-3636. Bay Area: 1-(800)-246-PRIDE.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.

Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group for women who practice some form of Buddhist meditation as part of healing from RA. Meet monthly to sit, write, share. No writing experience necessary. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.

SIA: Unrestricted discussion with main focus on ritual abuse. Group meets every Mon, 6-7:30 pm at Pacific Center. Mixed group, m/f. Info: Tina (510) 845-1801.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Angela Motter, acoustic funk/rock/blues artist, plays at the Brick in SF on July 30. Don't miss!

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

Peninsula Battered Lesbian & Bisexual Women Support Group: Free, confidential group offered by Support Network for Battered Women. Individual counseling & legal assistance also available. Info: Anne, Support Network for Battered Women, 940-7855.

Battered Lesbian Support Group for lesbian & bisexual women who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their relationships. 8-wk group is focused on supporting women to begin the healing process & learn to have loving, safe relationships. Info/res: Alison McKenzie or Mary Lee Gates at Marin Abused Women's Services 457-2464.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents. Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Single Adoptive Moms: Support group for lesbian women considering or in the process of adopting. Eastbay location. Info: Jan (510) 474-9985.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.

Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.

Pregnant Now Group: Free group for lesbian singles/couples, who are pregnant now & want to meet for networking, support & fun. Info: Judy 821-9745.

Non-biological Moms-to-Be Support Group: Non-facilitated. Informal group of women interested in discussion & support during insemination & pregnancy. Call Melissa 346-8714.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social organization for Black and white lesbian couples. Mtgs in SF & Eastbay. For more info call (510) 528-9429.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Gay Latino organization committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. For mtg times & other info call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394. for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. inic: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA

Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Robert 227-0946 or Elliot 564-7199.

Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group: Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

African-American Young Men: Discussion group spons by LYRIC, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.

Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically inspired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).

Just A Stage Lesbian & Gay Improv Comedy Theater Group: Wkly open workshops in improv with Just A Stage performers. New members are always welcome! Info: Ed 929-8228.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically

for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. Meets 1st Sun & 3rd Wed of every month, 7 pm at 3382 26th St at Mission, SF. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94110.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Lesbian Avengers: Direct action group focused on issues vital for lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. For info/location call 267-6195.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sat every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.

Classism Discussion Group for middle-and-upper-class lesbians meets monthly in Oakland. For time/location or more info call Elizabeth (510) 652-7729.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers. Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for gay men, lesbians & bisexuals in city planning & related professions. Bimonthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.

GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.

Forty Plus: Nonprofit organization of managers & professionals over 40 seeking employment. Meets Mon at 8 am at 7440 Lockheed St, near Oakland International Airport. Presentations by experts in job search or career change. Call (510) 430-2400. Orientation sessions held 10 am each Wed at Forty Plus, San Jose Center, 1250 Aviation Ave, SJ. Call (408) 288-3555 for details. Free. Newcomers are welcome! Info: (510) 430-2400.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot Luck/Palo Alto meets monthly in our homes. All ages, males, females, singles & couples are welcome for neighborhood socials. Info: Bob 857-9079.

Melting Pot Luck/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Owl, 325-9266.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.

Peninsula Bi Guys Group: See Bisexual.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics include: generation identity, PC, activism, racial issues, TV and gay & lesbian issues. SF location. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Erica 621-6946.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

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-- An array of nine discussion groups focusing on various communities and issues
-- Camping, hiking, biking, sports teams
-- Movie nights
-- Women's sex and health fair

For more information, call the talkline number (above) and see the Bay Times listings under youth. LYRIC activities are for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth 23 and under.

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Registration includes vegetarian dinners, prepared by a professional cook. Dinners will be provided Thursday through Saturday. For an additional fee you may order all meals (Thursday dinner through Sunday breakfast). One kitchen and dining hall will be available throughout the festival for campers who wish to prepare their own food. *Meals must be ordered no later than July 31.*

Campfires, plant walks, arts and crafts, natural healing, movement, psychic skills, open air market, discussions, women's rituals, and relaxation. All programs are led by festival participants. Anyone may offer a workshop. Participation in all activities is voluntary.

All women and girls age eleven to seventeen are welcome. Girls younger than fifteen must come with an adult. One section of the camp is a Clean and Sober area. Each registrant is asked to volunteer two hours assisting with the festival. Registration fees $120-$165 for women and $70-$110 for girls. For more information call 916-558-0607 or write Elderflower, P.O. Box 31627, San Francisco, CA 94131.

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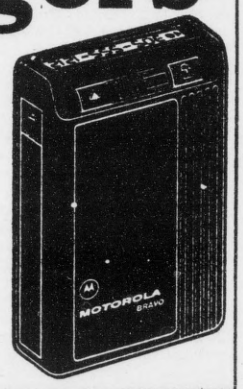

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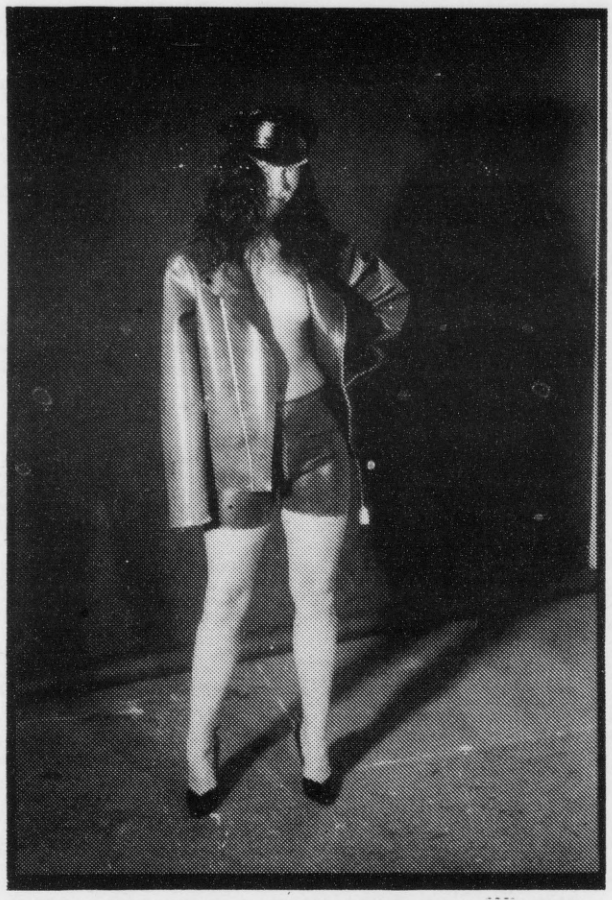
East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.
Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.
Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.
The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.
Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.
Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.
The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.
Couples Club of SF Bay Area: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Liz & Sharon 242-0319.
Queer Deadheads gather for social events. For info/newsletter: Dave 285-6286.
Brainy, Artsy Gals: Social group for women into good food & conversation about the arts. Meets 1st Fri of each month, SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.
Der Deutsche Freundschaftskreis, a German-speaking potluck social group meets on the 3rd Fri of each month. All levels welcome. Info: Don 329-1438.
Salon for all persuasions: Immerse mind & heart in casual yet activated discussions of substance. Meetings twice-monthly. All ages welcome. Info: Sheila 824-2468 or Mitchell 861-5673.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.
Temple Sinai of Oakland congregation cares & welcomes everyone to services: Fri at 8:15 pm; first Fri of the month is a family service, held at 7:30 pm. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am, preceded by Torah study at 9. 2808 Summit St, Oakl. Info: (510) 451-3263.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.
Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.
Queer Minyan: Gay/Lesbian Jewish Renewal Group: Combines traditional forms & feelings of prayer with modern outlook. Egalitarian, warm & lighthearted Shabbos celebration, 1st & 3rd Fri of the month. No knowledge or experience necessary. Location/info: 334-8449.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info call 974-9878, please leave your phone number.
Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 974-9878.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.
Women's Spirituality Circle: Eastbay. Tues 7:30 pm. Free. Info: (510) 444-3337 or (415) 648-7592.
Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.
J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Dialogues are held every Mon in SF. Call (415) 469-0606 for time, location & other info.
Unitarian Universalist Church: Sun services at 11 am. Potluck every 2nd Sun. Congregation working toward becoming an intentionally welcoming community to lesbians, gays & bisexuals. 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.



Art Attack Gallery presents "The Year of the Cock: Erotic Art" July 30-Sept. 8. Galleries has info.

Enrique stars in "the Cereal Killers" a rock opera at Artfull Circle Theatre thru Aug. 21.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
First Baptist Church, Berkeley welcomes and affirms lesbian, gay & bisexual people in all lay & professional ministries. Small, friendly, energetic congregation. Worship services Sun at 10 am in the chapel at the corner of Dana & Durant, Berkeley. Rev Esther Hargis, pastor. Info: (510) 848-5838.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.
St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.
Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of born-again Christian gays & lesbians reaching out with a message of Christ's resotring love to all people. Worship service Sun at 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Bible study Tues at 7:30 pm at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: Call 563-2973, or write Box 14462, SF 94114.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Icon Orthodox Fellowship: Support group by & for gay & lesbian Orthodox Christians. HIV-positive people are especially welcome. Info/brochure: 673-6729, 11 am-7 pm.
Saint Raphael's Liberal Catholic Church: An apostolic church based on theosophical ideals & freedom of thought. Homage to Our Lady held every Sun at 9:45 am, mass at 10 am. Services held at 220 Danvers St at Caselli, SF. Open communion. Everyone welcome. Info: Rev Martin Nowinski 550-1576.
Gay Clergy Support: Group for professed religious who would like to socialize & exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.
SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.
Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.
Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.
Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys while hiking, biking, camping, etc; or for informal social gatherings. No membership fees. Info: 927-3827.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.
0**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.
Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.
SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.
Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets every month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! For meeting dates & other info: 905-6267.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.
Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.
Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.
SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.
Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.
Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.
PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.
Wing Tao Mobility Arts: Ongoing classes in Kung Fu for women, children & men. Info: (510) 652-5280.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.
Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.
Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.
East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players social group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.
AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women: All women size 16 and up are welcome to come boogie! Mon & Wed, 6-7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 3rd fl. SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 661-6379.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.

Gay Men's Support Group: Self-led group meets Tues eves in SF to deal with a wide range of personal issues. Men willing to make an extended commitment are welcome to join! Info: Greg or Rocky 626-1197; Rodney 861-7911.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Hidden Disabilities/Chronic Pain Support Group for Women. Free. Leaderless. Eastbay location. Info: Dana (510) 658-0826.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Married & Divorced Men's Group meets Thurs eves in Palo Alto for social/support. Heterosexual, bisexual & gay men are welcome. Info: PO Box 1153, Palo Alto, 94301.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.

Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.

The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.

Former Jehovah's Witnesses: Support/social group for women who were former Jehovah's Witnesses. Info: 703-7147.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

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Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

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Bomb Goes Out With a Bang

In my last column I eulogized the band Bomb, now disintegrated. I assumed that would be the last time I wrote about the band I most love writing about. Their final show at the Paradise was just too spectacular to go unmentioned. For almost two-and-a-half hours Bomb gave us their all, like a Bomb/Grateful Dead set. The crowd assembled was largely made up of longtime Bomb fans one recognizes from show to show, year after year, with a smattering of some of SF's finest rock 'n' roll girls: the infamous guitarist Cara Crash and the beautiful vocalist Melanie Laws from the ass-kickin' local girl band Malibu Barbi, and guitarist-about-town Shauna Hall. These three were right up front, Cara being the most pit-inducing slammer of them all. Also present was photographer Marc Geller, a longtime Bomb fan with photo-documentation on their entire career in his files. The mood was high energy sentimental, not tearful sentimental, and I noticed that Marc was taking shots furiously.

Funny, isn't it, that Bomb on their final night played a set that never sounded better. They did everything, from early stuff to latest but all mixed together including a Michael Dean solo song—with a different bassist, from the audience—called "You Lie All the Time." This was followed by a Jay Crawford offering hinting at what the guitarist has in mind for his future, a great version of "Made to Fire," during which the other guitarist, Doug Hilsinger, played so ecstatically fast I thought he might explode; and burning versions of the oldies "Madness," "Be a Fag" and "Spoked Feet," the latter of which had the crowd screaming along to the line, "I'd kill a million in every city for you. For you. For you," pointing their fingers at Michael Dean. Such a nice thought. They did an encore of Leonard Cohen's "Suzanne," which Michael delivered with the most painfully beautiful vocals imaginable. But enough about that because Geller's photos capture it all. It was the last night of a band I'll never forget; let's have more photos, less words.

Michael Dean's appropriate tattoo. Photo by Marc Geller

MOURNINGS AT THE END-UP

I'm sad to say that the staff at the End-up is now mourning the loss of their security man, Larry, who succumbed to a longtime kidney ailment. He worked at the establishment for 15 years as head of security. He was the guy who would card you at the door, even back when everyone in the world didn't stay up all night on drugs. For that matter, even way back when everyone did stay up all night on drugs, dancing with fans and wearing spandex as well. He always seemed a bit of "the grouchy old man with a moustache," which is how we described him for years, but he was really a sweet old man who actually loved the place and its varied damaged clientele, and you must admit, that's a lot to love.

The End-up has experienced a lot of loss over the past two years. First was the suicide of the owner, Al, who had AIDS dementia and was assisted into a painless and peaceful death by a spiritual guide who is also no longer with us. Not long after that was the odd suicide of Jeff Palmer, promoter of Dekadance and bartender at the End-up, which he planned in conjunction with an invitation-only party dedicated to Marilyn Monroe and featuring Dead Marilyn performing. All the invites were black and mysterious, calling for an "End to a Life Celebration," with other macabre details. It was too late to stop the party when the news of Palmer's suicide by drug overdose came, but not too late to make it a funeral, one of the most fun funerals I've ever been to. Continuing the line of tragedy, Al's brother Helmut, who took over the ownership of the place after Al's death, recently bought the farm unexpectedly too. Helmut, a gun enthusiast with a matching penchant for bisexual lechery, accidentally shot himself while showing some friends his new gun—or so I hear. Now the End-up is in the hands of another brother from the same family who pretty much stays away and lets the managers take care of things. It's sad that, with the demise of Larry, the new owner now faces the loss of one of the place's most dedicated employees.

The last couple of times I lit up a pipe or joint of pot outside on the patio at the End-up I found myself looking all around to see where Larry was so he wouldn't have to walk over and tell me to put it out or smoke outside. "Do it again and I'll have to ask you to leave," he'd say. But he wouldn't kick you out for it. Sometimes he'd just see us in the distance and shake his head, "No." I'll really miss Larry, an institution inside an institution.

VERONICA KLAUS AT CAFE DU NORD

Speaking of institutions, the Cafe Du Nord is becoming somewhat of an institution for the City's favorite songbirds on Monday nights. They've recently featured Connie Champagne, and in the past have brought us Justin Bond, Rodney O'Neil Austin aka Minnie Pearl Necklace, Chesty Baker aka Arturo Galster, and now through the month of August, every Monday night, Cafe Du Nord presents Miss Veronica Klaus accompanied by a five-piece band. Her sets, two a night, bounce around from swing to jazz to blues and her persona is one of comfortable classiness. Vocally she is smooth, soft and smoky and getting better all the time. Her band

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is made up of a few of the house band members from Forbidden Planet, the short-lived but brilliant attempt to provide a club where talented individuals of re-assigned gender could perform with proper accompaniment instead of DJs cueing up tapes. Remember that club? Holly Woodlawn played there. Now it's gone, and where the hell is the woman who made it all possible, Miss Bambi Lake? Let's have her belting out a few songs somewhere soon. She's a gem, as is Veronica, so check her out.

Speaking of alternative performance spaces, Klubstitute at Studio 4 is no longer in existence because the police busted them, not having enough other things to do to keep busy. It's a shame because in many ways that space was the ideal Klubstitute, plus it had a roll-up garage door which made for a great starting ramp when they featured a soap box derby around the block one night. More recently I caught a set there by Angel Corpus Christi on Elvis Herselvis' birthday (and I'll be darned if I didn't forget the king's gift, a couple of quaaludes, which he hasn't been able to find in years, in my other coat!), and I can't say enough about how great this band is getting. I've always liked them, it's hard not to like a girl with an accordion who writes songs about crying on the day John Cassavetes died. Their percussionist now has a real drum kit instead of those synth things, which gives the lineup a more rock 'n' roll feel. Guitarist Rich Stim seems to be letting loose a bit on his soloing, coming to the fore with his subtle and intricate guitar genius, and that darn Nancy Kravitz is also getting to be quite the little bleached bassist, doing lots of rock jumps and moves with a bass almost as tall as she is. As a unit the band reached new levels of tightness, some arrangements getting complex and tricky and they hit all their marks perfectly. Go see them. They could be the sleeper success of the rock world year if they ever get a full length record or CD out. From what I saw, that could and should happen for them.

SKIRTING: THE ISSUE

A faithful reader and friend approached me at Fiend the other night and said, "I was at a dinner party the other night and someone there said, 'Because of your friend Don Baird and what he wrote in his column, we aren't supposed to wear skirts anymore.' What's up with that?" Well, just relax, skirt and dress enthusiasts. I didn't say no one should wear skirts, just some people shouldn't, and I'd like to think they know who they are and should take my tirade about them in the last issue to heart. As for not wearing skirts at all, you should know better. If you can work a skirt, wear it proudly, just like an overdeveloped chest on a sunny day in the Castro. I'd rather work a garment well with confidence than bench press my own weight for a pair of tits to admire in the mirror while dancing at the End-up. Which brings me to another point I'd like to hash out. Saturday mornings at 6 am the End-up is open and it draws a mostly straight crowd on this day. Among them are always about three different totally hunky straight guys who do their own very special hip-hop/Yo MTV Raps athletic house-head style of superdancing. While they slowly undulate their highly developed cobra-shaped torsos they watch it all so intently in the mirror that it's downright disturbing. They hug those mirrors more and harder than all of those lovely Black drag divas who work the mirrors there on Sunday morning put together. I've been waiting for one of them straight boys to just rush to the mirror and kiss himself. They sometimes even show up on Sunday so the gay boys can also watch them in the mirror, although they don't really think about that. They're too busy looking at themselves.

Speaking of mirrors and the End-up, one night after Dekadance I was able to hang out after the place closed because I sleep with someone who works there. I've always wanted a mirror ball so, as they cleaned the joint I nonchalantly took the mirror ball off its hook above the dance floor and put it in a garbage bag and headed for the door unnoticed. But I couldn't do it. Larry must have been watching.

SICK AND TWISTED PLAYERS REVIVE OLD SHOW

On this coming Friday the 13th of August, because it's the opening night of the film *Jason Goes to Hell: The Final Friday* and in view of the recent Partridge Family craze being presented on paid television channels in marathon style, the S&T Players are bringing back *A Partridge Family Friday the 13th.* The two performances that night will raise funds for the group's next production, *Chainsaw Massacre 90210.* For reservations call 826-5358. Showtimes are 9 pm and midnight. Not all the original cast members could be summoned, so a few changes have been made, the best of which is the possibility of Danielle Willis returning to the Players to tackle the role of Keith Partridge. Look for the late show to be a real bloodbath. Director Tony Vaguely says, "I just hope we don't have an earthquake that night." Don't miss it. Reserve now. ✿

lounging about by val c. phoenix

Sweet and Sour

My listening habits tend to reflect my moods, lately veering from tender, heartwarming ballads to rompin', stompin', shit kickin' dyke punk. Ah, yes, those mood swings. Here are some records you might like to know about:

the cranberries, *Everybody Else Is Doing It, So Why Can't We?* Island
Singer Dolores O'Riordan is the big attraction here, boasting a big voice that belies her 21 years. The band hails from Limerick, Ireland, and it shows in their music and Dolores' vocals. The best songs are the ones she kick-starts with vocal hiccups and Celtic touches. Without that, they do tend to blend together and fall into the doldrums. Dolores also writes and her three solo efforts are among the best: "Waltzing Back," "How" and "I Will Always." Though prone to melancholia, they do liven things up with the bass-propelled "Wanted." Very pretty.

Penelope Houston, *The Whole World,* Heyday
I've been following Penelope for quite a while and was initially disappointed by this release, but I've warmed to it slowly. For one thing, a lot of the material is retreads from her various self-releases, but I guess you can't blame her for wanting to give it the widest possible release. Secondly, on two or three songs, she seems to strain her voice beyond its limits. Mostly, this is well-crafted pop folk, with clever lyrics and solid melodies. Faves: "Glad I'm a Girl," "Qualities of Mercy" and "Honeysuckle."

The band is just back from a big tour, the highlights of which are chronicled in her id Records' newsletter, the "id House Organ." Penelope and Her Band are at Bottom of the Hill Aug. 6 and the Starry Plough Aug. 14. Clarinetist Beth Custer, who guests on the record, has a regular gig at Radio Valencia the whole month of August. She'll be playing with various combos each Sunday.

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Tasmin Archer, *Great Expectations*, EMI
Aimee Mann, *Whatever*, Imago
These two I love. I come home from a hard day, and I just alternate playing them. It's the perfect cure for stress. I don't know why. Archer is Britain's new adult contemporary wonder with a subversive streak. I saw her play live a few months ago and marveled at her androgynous image. Her voice creeps into Richard Marx territory on high notes, but usually it's quite pleasant. "Sleeping Satellite" is a radio hit, but my faves are "When It Comes Down To It" and "Somebody's Daughter." Just what is she trying to say on the latter? "Forgive the sins of your daughter and she will pray for you... Forgive the sins of others but please don't pray for me." It's got quite a walloping beat, too. Subversion you can dance to, I reckon.

As for Aimee, you may remember her as the lead singer for 'Til Tuesday in the early '80s. She's been lying low since the band broke up in 1988. Now she's back with a solo record crammed to the gills with great melodies that always verge on Top 40 schlock, but just skim the surface. She plays bass on some, guitar on others and has lots of help filling out the arrangements. The result is spotty, but with more hits than misses. "4th of July" lopes along in 3/4 time with some keen swipes at patriotic pageantry that quickly veer into more personal territory. Most of the songs are about love and betrayal. In "Put Me on Top" she could be talking about some personal disappointment or the music business when she declares, "I should be riding on the float in the hit parade instead of standing on the curb behind the barricade." Despite her pop credentials, this kind of writing may prove unpalatable to the mainstream.

PJ Harvey, *Rid of Me*, Island
Speaking of unpalatable to the mainstream. I'm just waiting for somebody to get hip to "Dry," the best song I've ever heard about not being sexually fulfilled. "You've come all this way, not one hair out of place, put it right in my face. You leave me dry!" bellows PJ to her failure of a lover. It's the most heartfelt vocal performance on one strange and violent record. Vaginal rock. All right!

PJ Harvey's "Dry" is one of the best ever of the women's rock releases of the year. But radio isn't ready yet for vaginal rock. Their loss.

I really got a kick out of her show at the Warfield on July 12. The band, which includes two guys, was really tight and her voice had it all over the record, which is to say it was easier to understand some of the lyrics. Yeah! "She's so white, she's so clean. I'm tellin' you. She's everything."

Tribe 8, *By the Time We Get to Colorado*, Outpunk
Here's where we get down to some shit kickin'. The band's welcome-back show at the Elbo Room was the best I've seen. Lynn Breedlove simulated sex acts with various audience members including one "straight" man who perfomed fellatio on her dildo. It was, well, tribal.

The album title is of course inspired by Amendment 2 in the great state of Colorado. I think "Censor This" should have been the anthem for the March on Washington and ought to be played very loudly to all those of "our gay and lesbian sisters and brothers" who can't stand the thought of hets seeing drag queens and leather dykes and other non-assimilationist non-clones. The revolution won't be won in polo shirts! Get used to it. Anyway, there are five other songs on here, including the old fave "Lezbophobia," all in glorious Lo-Fi. The band plays Faster Pussycat Aug. 11.

Various Artists, *Power Flush*, Rathouse/Broken Rekids
This CD-only release was produced as a collaboration between SF-based Broken Rekids and Seattle cohorts Rathouse, a collective involving members of the Gits, 7 Year Bitch and other locals. A total of 21 bands participated, giving a great glimpse of the wealth of talent in both cities. Best of all, by my count, 15 of the 21 bands have women in them, a very impressive number. My favorite cuts include Naked Aggression's mall romp, "Out of Control," and "Carrot" by Grope. 7 Year Bitch, also on here, were in fine form when I saw 'em recently in Seattle after their nationwide tour.

Sad to say, death permeates this record. Gits singer Mia Zapata was murdered recently, calling to mind the death last year of original 7 Year Bitch guitarist Stefanie Sargent. Both bands were on C/Z, they were friends, and the death of another young, vital woman rocker must be a shock. The Gits' tape, *Frenching the Bully*, was dedicated to Sargent, and Imij's song on the compilation is also about her. Zapata's friends are in the process of raising money to offer as a reward for information on her killer. In light of all that's happened, the Gits' cut, "The Drinking Song," comes across as a tad morbid, since she sings, "Here's to all of my friends... 'Cuz all I got left in the end are my friends."

ENDNOTES...

Just to clarify, the title of last issue's column ("Grrrltown, USA") was changed without my consent. There aren't too many things one has control over in one's life, but I'd like to think the headline for my column is one of 'em, especially since my name is on it. For the record, my choice was "Olympia: D-I-Y Fun." Not as snazzy perhaps, but more in keeping with what I wrote. So, now you know.

The Whiptail Lizard Lounge has found a home on the weekends in the MCC space on 18th Street. Dyke space in the Castro! What a concept. It's a fun place to girl-watch and sip espresso, a favorite San Francisco activity anyway. They're looking for donations to fill the space out. We donated our old couch already, so think of me when you sit on it.

Tiger Trap opens for Free Kitten at Slim's Aug. 10 and then for Tsunami at Brave New World Aug. 11.

Angela Motter plays happy hour at the Brick II on July 30 at 8 pm; Lucy Stoners are at Brave New World Aug. 12. Ciao. ✿

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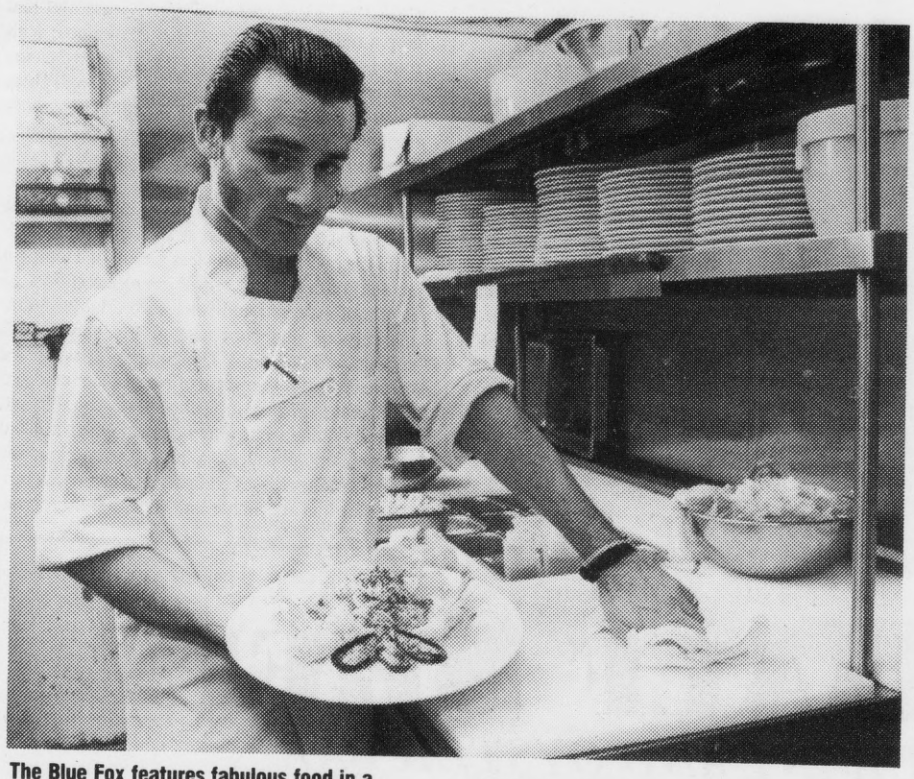
BY WILLIAM FINKLE

Comfort and Elegance Still on Menu at Italian Haven

What is left to say about the Blue Fox? Others, more gifted writers than I, have sung the glories of Gianni Fassio's "high temple of Italian cooking" and raved about the plush ambiance and pampered service. All any reviewer can cite is his/her opinion, which I'll give here.

There's been a restaurant of some variety at this spot since the Gold Rush days. The Blue Fox was born in 1933, named after the original owner's prior restaurant in Italy (La Volpe Azzurra). In 1988, Gianni Fassio, son of the former owner, reestablished the Blue Fox as one of San Francisco's foremost fine-dining locales, with a focus on "modern Italian haute cuisine." Signature dishes include risotto with wild mushrooms, gnocchi with tomato and basil, and lobster with squid-ink pappardelle.

From the moment you step into the stately foyer, off tiny Merchant Street, on the edge of Chinatown and the Financial District, hushed voices are the rule. It's not that any stuffy red-faced maitre d' raises a finger to his lips while looking you up and down. On the contrary, whoever greets you does so sincerely, invitingly.



The Blue Fox features fabulous food in a relaxing atmosphere. Above: Grill chef Matty Flasher. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

There's something about the atmosphere at the Blue Fox that takes your breath away—it's part illusion, part comfort, part mystique. Waiters who seem formidable give way to friendliness in an instant, putting the most intimidated of guests at ease. There's no law on how one should behave in a place like this, but it feels special to be talking quietly, slowly, using one's best language.

The be-chandeliered dining room stands waiting for wonderful dinners to take place. Beige and tan walls and fabric set a tone of grace and elegance which might be mistaken for plain. Mellow, classic jazz hits and the occasional pop of champagne corks are the only sounds heard in the smallish room, even though tables are surprisingly close to one another.

Two prix fixe choices are available, a four-course tasting menu (*degustazione*) at $55 and a three-course "classic" menu at $39.50, with a more limited selection of items. Tuxedoed waiters impeccably set before us our *antipasti:* a **Scampi alla Livornese** of crunchy sweet prawns in a brilliant sauce of butter, lemon and shallots fleck-

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ed with bright diamonds of tomato concasse; the **Insalata di Mare,** a chilled salad of scallops, shrimp, calamari and mussels artfully arranged on a leaf of butter lettuce, each morsel tender and delicate; **Carpaccio di Cervo con Olio di Tartufi e Indivia,** papery venison carpaccio nestled in a bed of lemony dressed radicchio, arugula and endive, for an interesting tart/bitter contrast; and a summery **Insalata Caprese,** of sliced golden and red tomatoes and fresh buffalo mozzarella graced with extra virgin olive oil and strands of fresh basil—so light, simple and delicious.

An unbelievable dish of **L'Aragosta con Pappardelle al Nero di Seppia** brought an assembly of shelled lobster claw, piles of black, squid-ink pasta ribbons and a heap of tail meat tossed with tomato concasse and basil chiffonade, all napped in the richest, most intense lobster sauce imaginable. The definitive **Gnocchi con Pomodori e Basilico,** pillows of fluffy, just slightly grainy potato dumplings in the classic pairing of basil/tomato butter, were the finest I've ever sampled.

Main courses arrived with a dazzle, the waiters setting silver-domed plates before us, lifting the lids at precisely the same moment and exclaiming, *"Grazie!"* at once. Again I felt that all my needs were completely attended to, and then some. I was so comfortable in my armchair I could have sat in that lovely room for hours (which, by the way, I did). A simply named dish of **Salmone alla Griglia** was the most tender, moist salmon imaginable, in an unusual, highly flavored tiger prawn sauce with perfect little roasted potatoes, asparagus and baby pattypan squashes. **Rombo in Padella, Salsa Cruda,** or sauteed halibut, came subtly dressed with tomatoes, basil, garlic and olive oil, a pared down, low-calorie delicacy. Grilled double lamb chops, **Costolette d'Agnello, Salsa di Vino Rosso e Cannella,** were cooked perfectly rare and laid atop a red wine and cinnamon demi glace, with round sauteed *pommes cocottes,* crisp on the outside and flaky in the center. The **Filetto di Bue, Salsa di Balsamico,** or filet of beef in balsamic-enriched demi glace, was literally like "buttah": Every morsel meltingly dissolved in the mouth effortlessly.

At this point I began to have second thoughts about dessert, so it's just as well they're included in the prix fixe. A flawless square of **Tiramisu** arrived on a pool of coffee *creme anglaise,* its layers of espresso and rum-soaked ladyfingers, mascarpone and chocolate giving way to our spoons without fuss. The **Semifreddo,** an ice cream dessert reminiscent of Neapolitan, enjoined chocolate *gianduja* (chocolate hazelnut), raspberry, and white almond gelati with a thin but bold chocolate sauce. A regal concoction, the **Torta Duchessa** was composed of layers of crunchy hazelnut meringue and mocha buttercream assembled into a round cake and rolled in crushed nuts.

The wine list at the Blue Fox is extensive, with many Italian selections, some French, and a number of Californian. We very much enjoyed the **Vernaccia di San Gimignano, Teruzzi-Puthod "Terre di Tufo,"** a full-bodied, refreshing white at $38. Another fine choice was **Barolo, Abbona, Marziano e Enrico,** half-bottle, rich and impressive at $27.50.

Just as impressive as the food at the Blue Fox is the service. If you can handle the kind of attention they are going to lavish on you, save your clams and head over to this San Francisco classic as soon as you can. ✿

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BY CHING CHANG

Festival Opera in Walnut Creek

I was intrigued, to say the least, when I recently discovered something in Walnut Creek called the Festival Opera was putting on productions of Rossini's *Barber of Seville* and (gasp!) Verdi's *Il Trovatore*. Geez, I thought. What suburbanite regional opera company could possibly have the audacity (if not folly) to attempt such mammoth scores, and at the same time? It turns out folly and audacity are what this Festival Opera enterprise is all about.

In its third season, so far the company has chosen only "greatest hits" repertoire, and has already produced a *Boheme*, a *Butterfly* and an *Abduction from the Seraglio*, in addition to contracted performances with Donald Pippin's Pocket Opera. With the envious half-a-million budget and more corporate sponsors than you'd ever expect for a regional company, the Festival Opera has a stated purpose of producing "high-quality operas" in Walnut Creek's new Regional Center for the Arts, a performing arts complex strikingly similar to a shopping mall's multi-screen movie theater.

But all in all, the thought of *Il Trovatore* in Walnut Creek was simply too much to resist, so I didn't even try. One of Verdi's most monumental homages to bel canto, all of which is deliciously corny and incoherent about Italian opera, is increased tenfold in this boiling cauldron of drama. In the first act, we learn in "Tacea la notte placida" that the noble lady Leonora has fallen in love with a serenading troubador, Manrico, which in turn enrages the Count of Luna, who is also in love with her. At some point, Leonora is tricked into thinking that Manrico has been killed, and decides to become a nun. Manrico seizes Leonora from the convent in Act Two. But then he is told that the Count has captured his mother Azucena, and is preparing to burn her at the stake as a witch. Manrico then rushes off to save her, but not before singing "Di quella pira," which explains to Leonora why he must go save his mother. Manrico is then captured by the Count's army, and Leonora, trying to save him, offers herself to the Count, but secretly takes slow poison which she has hidden in her ring, so that she'll die faithful to Manrico.

One simply must give an account of the opera's final scene, if you don't know it already. Manrico is in prison with his mother, who is sleeping. Leonora comes to tell him that he is saved, but he refuses to flee. Instead, he accuses her of un-

Baritone David Arnold plays Figaro in the Festival Opera's "Barber of Seville."

faithfulness and broken promises in a fervent duet, which later turns into a trio, joined by his mother Azucena singing in her sleep. Meanwhile, Leonora's slow poison takes effect, and she dies. The Count of Luna discovers he's been had, and enraged, orders Manrico beheaded at once. Meanwhile, Azucena awakens in uncontained terror as she reveals that Manrico was the Count's long lost brother, believed to have been burned to death as a baby. Horrified, he sings "Quale orror!" (How horrible!) and the curtain comes down. Surely, the Walnut Creekean audience could hardly contain its spellbound terror.

How could one possibly not love such drama? Although not overly complex, the score of *Il Trovatore* requires mammoth vocal resources which are beyond what is generally available anywhere. While she has clear vocal qualities, it seemed a rather self-indulgent decision of soprano Karon Poston-Sullivan to take up the role of Leonora, as she is certainly no Verdian. While she did get through the score— "Mira dacerbe" was quite nice, in fact—it is obvious that she was straining for volume, even in this relatively small hall. Mexican mezzo-soprano Conchita Antunano seemed comfortable in Azucena's part, employing a powerful growling chest voice to her best advantage. Tenor Ravil Atla's Manrico and baritone Richard Clark's Count of Luna were adequately paired, but the outstanding voice of the evening belonged to the minor part of Ferrando, sung by Scott Wilde's rich bass.

While one could blame Verdi for any disparaging aesthetics or plain imbecilities in any production of *Il Trovatore*, the Festival Opera should certainly be held more accountable for its second production, Rossini's *Barber of Seville*. A favorite of many community opera companies, it is less excusable that Rossini's buffa masterpiece did not receive a more refined treatment, considering this company's resources and the number of gifted singers in the production. It was obvious that the singers were receiving very little support from the pit, and the staging didn't help either. Ensembles were unevenly rehearsed, and the poorly prepared chorus just shows how wise it would have been if general director/conductor/chorus master James Sullivan had invested some of that half-a-million budget in hiring a real chorus master and some vocal coaches.

In the title role, veteran Met baritone David Arnold sang with gusto and was perhaps introducing Figaro as a new role to his repertoire. Despite dropping some of the Italian occasionally, his Figaro came off in bright, spirited tones. Euro Nava, an SF Opera Merolee, did a valiant job as Almaviva, in fully fluent Rossinian style. Let's hope he performs the whole of Almaviva's final aria (the bravura sections were cut) one of these days. Donna Brunos as Rosina was a delightful surprise to me. She substituted the "Inutile Precauzione" rondo in her music lesson scene with "Tanti affetti," from *La Donna del Lago*, which showed her warm, caressing lower register, deliciously complemented by her light, clean, agile top. I would love to have heard this trio perform the melismas between "Ah, che colpo inaspettato! and Zitti, zitti, piano, piano," which were cut.

The Festival Opera '93 season runs through Aug. 12 at the Walnut Creek Regional Center for the Arts. Call (510) 943-7469 for tix and info. ✿

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The Heidi Chronicles

After winning the Pulitzer Prize, the Tony Award, the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, the Drama Desk Award and a couple of other prestigious awards four years ago, Wendy Wasserstein's very funny satirical look at women coming of age in the '60s has arrived in a superb production at TheatreWorks. Lee Sankowich directed.

Women of strong feminist bent in local theater companies have apparently taken exception to Wasserstein's witty depiction of her career sisters. (One company rejected the script when its female acting core objected strenuously to what they referred to as Heidi's selling out the cause by adopting a baby. I ask you, is that not just a little narrow-minded?)

Shevra Tait's minimalist set with its giant empty picture frames gliding on and off foreshadows and reflects the passing chronicles of Heidi's life as an art historian/lecturer.

Opening with a 1989 New York lecture, Heidi's career flashes back to a high school dance in 1965 Chicago. Deserted by best friend Susan (Mary Gibboney), shy, intelligent Heidi (Julie Eccles) meets shy, nice guy Peter (James Carpenter). They like each other very much, but Peter's gay and Heidi goes away to college.

At a Gene McCarthy rally in New Hampshire, 1968, Heidi meets Scoop Rosenbaum (Peter James Meyers), a smart-ass, arrogant type who manages to insult Heidi directly into his bed.

Slowly waking to the fact that women are beginning to make choices, Heidi accompanies Susan to a rap group where she meets several activist women (Mary Knoll, Amy Ukena and Jennifer Marshall in a number of beautifully acted double-cast roles). One of them, a lesbian, accosts the noncommital Heidi point blank, "Do you support my choice to sleep with women?" Heidi's flustered answer is, "I'm just visiting."

Meandering on the margin of several political and social activist causes, Heidi continues sleeping with Scoop. She also reestablishes her relationship with long-time best friend Peter, a pediatrician now settled down with a lover. Scoop, the publisher of a successful magazine called *Boomer,* marries a rich Southern Jewish woman. Susan deserts Manhattan for a Montana sheep commune, then deserts herding for the Hollywood scene where she becomes a powerful TV producer. She is unsuccessful, however, in her attempt to woo Heidi into developing a sitcom about an art historian/lecturer, single and approaching middle age in Manhattan.

Heidi's only true affection seems to be for the increasingly cynical Peter who, having lost his lover to AIDS, now works tirelessly fighting the disease in a children's hospital.

Somewhere along the passing decades idealism made a sharp right turn while the pursuit of success beckoned dead ahead. Heidi's friends, women *and* men, wanted it all. Heidi only wanted what she's got—a career *and* a baby. Is that so bad?

The Heidi Chronicles continues through Aug. 15 at Palo Alto's TheatreWorks. Highly recommended. Call (415) 329-2632. ✿

The Secret Garden

Marsha Norman and Lucy Simon's musical fantasy of the classic 1911 children's story, *The Secret Garden,* is a bloomin' joy. Practically every woman involved in the production, including the aforementioned writer and composer, either won or was nominated for a Tony: director Susan Schulman; producer and scenic designer Heidi Landesman; costume designer Theoni V. Aldredge; and lighting designer Tharon Musser.

James Carpenter and Julie Eccles as Heidi in Wendy Wasserstein's satirical look at '60s women.

Mary Lennox (played by Lydia Ooghe in the performance I saw) has been orphaned during a cholera plague in India. Sent to live in the gloomy Yorkshire mansion of her hunchbacked Uncle Archibald, she is accompanied by the ghosts of her colonial parents (Jill Patton and Kevin Dearinger), an Indian fakir (Andy Gale) and her Indian servant (Audra Ann McDonald).

Totally disinterested in his niece, Archibald is still mourning his wife Lily (Jacqueline Piro), who died in childbirth. (Piro, ravishingly beautiful in her ghostly white gowns, gave the unearthly impression that she had just stepped from a painting.) Her child, Colin (Yaniv Segal), survived, and is now a bedridden, tantrum-throwing boy. He has been convinced he is going to die by Archibald's brother, Uncle Neville (Peter Samuel), a doctor whose motives are questionable.

Lonely Mary refuses to be packed off to a girls' school and is befriended by the housekeeper, Mrs. Medlock (Lynn Eldredge), the maid, Martha (Amanda Naughton), gardener Ben (Jay Garner), and Dickon (Roger Bart). After a few screaming confrontations with Colin, she also wins over her sickly cousin.

Mary learns of a secret garden that was her Aunt Lily's favorite and sets out to find it. Long sealed up, the lock rusted, the key lost, the dead garden sets her to a challenge. With Martha and Dickon's help she steals out at night and they begin to plant and make things grow. The irascible Colin joins in the midnight trysts, determined to get well if only to spite his uncle.

Landesman's set, Musser's lighting, and

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Aldredge's costumes are as integral to *Secret Garden's* magic as the actors and singers. A revolving stage turns inside the large framework of a Victorian dollhouse that has been decoupaged with faded valentines of rabbits, elephants and a train with the head of a young girl peering into the set through the dollhouse windows.

Moving in and out of the scenes are the benevolent ghosts of Lily and a dozen or so of Mary's deceased family and friends from India who provide both chorus in the ensemble numbers and choreography in the formal dance formations. I'd have been happier with fewer intrusions by those ubiquitous ghosts—except for Lily, of course.

The music, rich and varied in its ethnic sources, never strays from the mood of the book. It is tinged with hints of Indian exotica, North Country folk tunes, and a bit of dialectic whimsy sung by Dickon that's reminiscent of the leprechaun music of*Finian's Rainbow*. "Come to My Garden," sung by Lily and Colin, is perhaps the show's prettiest tune, though Lily and Archibald's "How Could I Ever Know" was the more romantic ballad. The operatic "Quartet" and Archibald and Neville's soaring duet, "Lily's Eyes," offered truly magnificent singing.

The Secret Garden continues at the Orpheum Theatre through Aug. 8. Call (415) 776-1999 or any BASS outlet. ✿

Lydia Ooghe and Tracy Ann Moore in "The Secret Garden." Photo by Carol Rosegg

Irving Berlin "In Revue"

Fifteen years ago producer Jonathan Reinis and writer/director Barry Koron produced *Irving Berlin "In Revue."* It was, to quote a review, "a smash." Good news: history repeats itself.

Reinis and Koron have restaged the musical, brought in two of the original performers, hired three bright and shiny new faces, and have come up with a humdinger of a songfest that should send the most jaded of theatergoers dancing up the aisles.

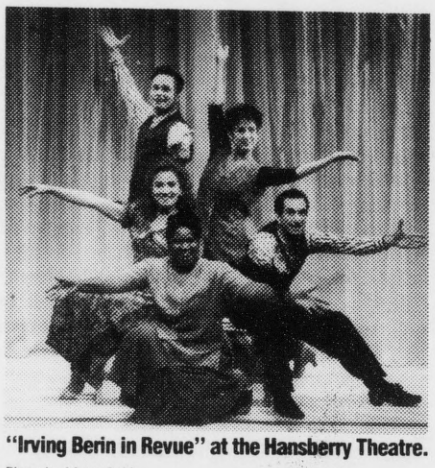
The cast of five singer/dancers blend their talents in some remarkable ensemble work. Peggy Nisbet Brown, one of the originals, reveals a terrific comedic flair in her *Annie Get Your Gun* medley, notably in her duet with Reece Holland on "An Old-Fashioned Wedding." Earlier, standing stock still, she pleaded a moving and tender "Say It Isn't So."

Ronald Mann, the other original, looks very much like the young Berlin, and is particularly adept at selling two of the composer's early novelty numbers, "Sadie Salome" and "Cohen Owes Me 97 Dollars." He and Holland deliver some broad schtick in Berlin's 1919 "I've Got a Captain Working for Me Now."

We all knew Reece Holland had a gorgeous tenor, but who knew he was a dancer? That he does, too, up and down the stairs, *very* Astaire with top hat and cane. His "A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody" was effectively sung before a scrimmed tableau reminiscent of a yellowed cover of sheet music. Holland's "Change Partners" offered a rare combination of lyrics and romantic drama. His "White Christmas," sung by a soldier on guard duty, was nicely rendered without the usual layer of sentimentality.

Shannon O'Hurley, one of our finer local talents in the romantic lead category, was given less solo work to do than one might have wished for, but she worked her magic in the ensemble numbers. She danced beautifully in the second act's medley of four Fred and Ginger songs and was especially poignant in the handsomely staged "Change Partners" segment. O'Hurley's solo on "You'd Be Surprised," a delightful blend of coy and come-on, was a big audience turn-on.

Dioni Michelle Collins gave her comedic bent free rein on Berlin's 1913 silly "Snooky Ookums," romped through "When the Midnight Choo Choo Leaves for Alabam'," and then sang with an exquisite, resigned tenderness one of Berlin's few but major social statements, "Sup-



"Irving Berin in Revue" at the Hansberry Theatre.
Photo by Marty Sohl

per Time."

Joan Edgar, also from the original production, is musical director. Bill Starr choreographed. Kent Dorsey designed the show biz set and the fluid, breathtaking color washes that set the changing musical moods. Susan Snowden designed the spiffy costumes.

Highly recommended, *Irving Berlin "In Revue"* continues its open-ended run at the Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter at Mason, Tuesdays through Sundays. Call (415) 433-9500 or BASS. ✿

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

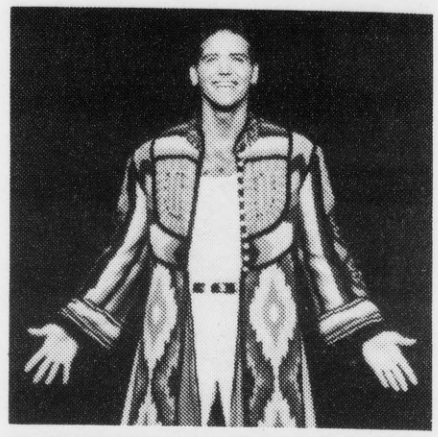
Whatever happened to Joseph, that nice kid who used to herd sheep in the Old Testament until he aroused his brothers' jealousy and was sold into slavery in Egypt? Well, Bible students, in the current version, he has apparently been sidetracked in Las Vegas.

As you may recall, Andrew Lloyd Webber (or "Lloyd Webber's Bank" as he is known by London's theatrical cognoscenti) wrote *Joseph* as a 15-minute cantata for a Sunday school class in 1968. Webber and Tim Rice then added some numbers, recorded it and, following the success of *Jesus Christ, Superstar,* sent *Joseph* out into the world. It ran about 90 minutes when it came through these parts in 1982.

As produced currently by Webber himself, it has been further extended, over-orchestrated, over-costumed, overwhelmed with semi-nude chorus girls (*very* biblical!), and lavished with overbearing cuteness. Webber even borrows from that final ascension scene in *Cats,* by sending Joseph up, up, up on what looks like a mini-flying saucer. Joseph descends promptly however, in time to participate in "Joseph Megamix," an exhausting aerobics encore featuring the full company in white exercise gear for a reprise of every number in the show. It seems to run considerably longer than the original cantata written for the Sunday school class.

Did I like *anything* about this production? Yes, I was delighted with the performance of four local childrens' choruses that streamed onstage to sit at the feet of teacher/narrator Kelli Rabke and learn about Joseph's travails. The young choruses then took their places on ramps at each side of the stage and joined in the ensemble singing like true professionals. (The children are from the Adda Clevenger Youth Chorus of San Francisco, the Almaden County School Choir, the Ben Franklin Dreamcoat Choir and the Contra Costa Children's Choir.)

Joseph was played by soap opera star Michael Damian (stripped to the essentials in a not-very-flattering costume), who sang in a breathless, sexy whisper not unlike that used by the Jesus of the recent *Superstar* revival. (Damian *can* sing out, however, as he revealed in one number.)



Michael Damian as Joseph in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," thru Aug. 29 at Golden Gate Theatre. Photo by Craig Schwartz/Jay Thompson

Strongly reminiscent of *Superstar* themes, the music is a melange of hoedown, calypso, a bit of French apache, a stupendous "Elvis live" number and rock.

The part of Joseph's father Jacob was sung by Clifford Davis, who also sings Potiphar, to whom Joseph is sold when he's trundled off to Egypt. The Pharaoh (a hip-swinging, white-suited, dark-shaded Elvis who makes Joseph his live-in dream interpreter) is played to great audience acclaim by Robert Torti.

The costumes feature some nicely authentic ikat-woven fabrics for the brothers' cloaks and some blatantly sexy veils for the women. (A few decades ago the show would certainly have been raided for those chorus girl costumes of gold chain link over breast pasties and tiny black triangles at the crotch.)

The real star (!) of this production is designer Mark Thompson. His set pieces include a revolving stage that brought on a string of grazing sheep (that later reappeared as skeletons to herald the drought), a set of miniature pyramids (including the TransAmerica building), and a singing camel. In one number a batch of kitchen utensils served as headdresses for the brothers' wives. The second act centerpiece was a splendiferous Sphinx head with rolling azure blue eyes. It turns into (what else?) a slot machine.

Joseph continues at the Golden Gate Theatre through Aug. 29. Call (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

One Touch of Venus

Reviewed by Charles Whaley

It's a crying shame that the enchanting concert version of *One Touch of Venus,* smashingly performed by a knockout cast, was limited to five shows only at the New Conservatory Theatre.

As the second in the series of three "lost" musicals produced by Greg MacKellan and Stephanie Rhoads and their 42nd Street Moon Productions, this flip, elegant, witty piece with its classic Kurt Weill/Ogden Nash score cries out for a full-scale revival. But for now let's be thankful for the classy concert version directed and choreographed by Dennis Kholes.

Venus gave Mary Martin her first starring role when it opened in 1943 and ran for two years. Marlene Dietrich, for whom the vehicle was originally conceived, turned it down as "lewd and profane." Today the risque elements seem rather tame, but there's no doubt that this is still one sexy show.

Stephanie Rhoads was ideally cast as Venus, a 3,000-year-old statue that miraculously comes to life in a Manhattan art gallery when a bumbling young barber puts his girlfriend's engagement ring on the statue's finger. Naturally, Venus falls in love with him, which causes hilarious complications for the barber (Clay Crosby), the wealthy gallery owner (Peter Vilkin) who idolizes the statue and thinks the barber has stolen it, the barber's shrewish betrothed (Michelle Felten), and her equally shrewish mother (Denise Kilbourne Gillen).

Leslie Hamilton as Molly Grant, Stephanie Rhoads as Venus, and Jerry Marks as Taxi in an exceptional rendering of Kurt Weill's "One Touch of Venus." Photo by Alice G. Patterson

The gallery owner's wise-cracking, unflappable assistant/girl Friday (Lesley Hamilton) gets a major share of the laughs with her on-the-mark observations and conversational comebacks. Hamilton also does double duty as the concert version's narrator, filling us in on plot developments. One of the show's most obscure songs, "Very, Very, Very," was the evening's biggest showstopper (and there were several) as sung by Hamilton.

While Michelle Felton had only one song to perform (a cornball trio with her mother and the barber called "Way Out West in Jersey"), she had the audience in stitches with her wild comic routines each time she appeared.

Clay Crosby, fine singer and actor that he is, was believably innocent and a perfect foil for the sly advances of Rhoads, who has a delightful comic sense as well as a wonderful way with her songs. The show's hit number, "Speak Low," was a gorgeous duet for her and Crosby, who also excelled at his funny solos, "How Much I Love You" and "That's How I Am Sick of Love," with their one-of-a-kind Nash lyrics.

Crosby and Rhoads also sung together on "Wooden Wedding," and she alone sang "I'm a Stranger Here Myself," "Foolish Heart" and "That's Him."

Vilkin's "Westwind" solo was a standout, as was the piano accompaniment of musical director Michael Horsley.

"The Trouble With Women," a barbershop quartet, was rousingly done by Crosby, Vilkin, Jerry Mark and David Pichette. And "One Touch of Venus," a plot-setting song done to bitchy perfection by that amazing Hamilton woman and the other "girls," was a gem that should be heard more often.

It will be hard for the concert version of *Oh Lady! Lady!* (opening July 29 for five performances as the last in the "lost musicals" series) to be a greater crowd-pleaser than this version of *One Touch of Venus.* ✿

Beau Jest

It would seem that any theatrical endeavor less than an Andrew Lloyd Webber blockbuster just can't make it in San Francisco. Such fine musicals as *Falsettos* and Holly Near's *Fire in the Rain* closed early, and even the delightfully bright and bushy-tailed *Irving Berlin in Revue* is about to give up the ghost in the face of ticket sale indifference. Dramas that come to town without a television star—and I use the word "star" guardedly—fare no better. More's the pity.

Case in point is the recent cotton-candy comedy *Beau Jest*, advertised as winning the "word of mouth" award in the face of less-than-rave reviews. Good production, nice set and first-rate actors, all of whom were likable. But the marquee just didn't carry Neil Simon's surefire name or his joke-a-minute formula that would propel folks from TV bondage to a night on the town.

Directed by Dennis Zacek, this pleasantly comedic intrusion into the life of a nice Jewish kindergarten teacher, Sarah (Cindy Katz), is set in Chicago. Sarah has been dating a non-Jewish advertising executive, Chris (Richard Gallery), but when she can no longer put off producing him for her strict parents, she puts him on ice and hires Bob (Joe Warren Davis) from an escort service to pose as her fiancee, Dr. David Steinberg. Too late, with her folks at the door, she discovers that while Bob's last name sounds Jewish, he isn't.

The dinner might well have been a disaster except for the fact that Bob, an unemployed actor, had been on the road with *Fiddler on the Roof* and can fake his way through some Jewish expressions. He impresses father Abe (Bernie Landis) and sweeps mother Miriam (Roslyn Alexander) off her feet. Only brother Joel (Don Futterman of KQED-FM), a psychologist, is suspicious.

Sarah's attractive, Bob's attractive, and they attract each other. She keeps Chris (who's certainly not *un*attractive) on ice and pitches headlong into an affair with Bob. A delightfully funny replication of the first act's dining scene is the second act's centerpiece. While a Seder service is raced through by eager-to-dine Abe, Bob emerges miraculously unscathed.

The masquerade eventually collapses and recriminations are tossed about until psychologist Joel offers some advice to all of them: "Just get over it!" Why didn't *they* think of that?

Don't be surprised if *Beau Jest* shows up on your TV screen. It's a perfect sitcom plot. ✿

Three Sisters

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

The Classic Theatre Project presents an elegant and moving version of Chekhov's play.

Soft and romantic as candlelight, Chekhov's fragile-yet-enduring drama, *Three Sisters*, still warms, charms and saddens audiences today. Love and marriage proposals abound, but unfortunately between all the wrong people. Overall, this elegant presentation in the cozy Phoenix Theatre exemplifies the new, nonprofit Classic Theatre Project's stated goal of producing the "highest quality productions of the best possible plays."

Oh to live in Moscow! All three sisters crave flight from the provincial town they ruefully call home. Memories of an opulent and loving childhood in Moscow culminate in their extreme longing for happier lives free from tedious work, narrow minds and unwanted relationships. But the three young girls learn that life can inexorably subvert both love and dreams. Yet they somehow endure through mutual support. Interlacing through their pain is the hopeful voice of the Captain (once known as the "lovesick Major") who fervently prophesies a time when the masses will somehow rise above their petty hatreds and evolve into a higher form.

The script is a bit long, but virtually impossible to cut. In this charming new American English translation by C.D. Elinas, Chekhov's masterful storytelling is exemplified as each line weaves with the next to create a tapestry of elegant language and images. Each character is a colorful, textured creation, sometimes blending with those around it, sometimes violently not. Comedy and drama inextricably intertwine as do the foibles and tragedies of everyday life. Chekhov manages to simultaneously display human weakness and strength, pettiness and greatness, silliness and dignity.

Essentially a strong ensemble piece, some actors still manage to stand out. John Cowan once again provides Bay Area audiences with a masterful performance (also recently seen in *Play Strindberg* and *Indecent Materials)*, this time as the idealistic, handsome and charming salt-and-pepper Colonel. Heartrending in his scene as the love sick suitor, John Peterson woos and wins the favor of talented Sue Konicek as well as the audience. And the three actresses playing the title sisters work well together with a comfortable familiarity. The superb Elizabeth Payne is the backbone of strength and devotion; Megan Blue Stermer makes a beautiful study in frustration; and Kathryn Carner portrays a jubilant idealist (though too restrained during some of the more demanding moments).

Director David Grote's love of classic theater is obvious in his delicate, sensitive handling of these too-human characters and the creation of a look of fading grandeur. He ably presents this 14-person (a virtual army of actors nowadays), four-act theatrical masterpiece. And despite the large troupe in a modest-sized space, Grote somehow consistently arranges them into exquisite stage pictures.

The sets are gorgeous, complete with fancy floral arrangements, hardwood floors, oriental rugs, gilt mirrors, ornate clocks, drapes, and overstuffed chairs. Grote (set designer as well as director) and John Cowan (technical director as well as marvelous actor) create the gentle ambience of declining fortune and delicate gentility. Unfortunately, the final act scene-change requires extensive unbolting, sliding, rolling, carrying, more sliding and bolting (making the meticulously constructed set a hindrance). Susan Steinberg's costumes are graceful and evocative.

The Classic Theatre Project's stated purpose suggests many successful seasons of wonderful productions. They are "dedicated to 'plays about people, for people'... that focus on the characters as human beings with real emotions and universal concerns. Our primary interest is in the plays called 'classics'... also some of the lesser known classics that are often talked about but rarely actually seen, more contemporary plays that rework or re-use classic materials, and the occasional contemporary plays that we think will become classics someday...."

A little long at three hours (that's an hour a sister), *Three Sisters* is strongly directed, beautiful to look at, and of course elegantly written. Overall, a triumphant and moving evening of theater. More! More!

Three Sisters at the Phoenix Theatre until August 7. $10-14. (415) 621-4423. ✿

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BY GENE PRICE

Tattoo Love

Playwright, comedian, actor, *enfant terrible* of the gay cabaret/theater scene, Doug Holsclaw, is back on stage at Josie's where, as recluse drag queen Pete Hilton, he is venting his spleen on a series of ex-lovers—all named Manny—and a world he didn't make.

In the first of three interrelated monologues, Pete is doing his club act in his own apartment for an audience of one, himself. Untastefully attired in a black and white spandex ensemble of stripes and polka dots, he is interrupted by a phone call: "I can't," he says with expired patience, "I'm washing my cat." Pause. "Well, it got dirty again." And he hangs up. On with the show!

Pete sings, "You Don't Own Me." He preens. He peels off a layer of spandex and slips into a bulky pea-green sweater. He sings along with a recording, "I'm gonna be somebody..." and he trails off to introduce himself: "I'm Pete Hilton. I don't feel fresh... and I like it that way." Obviously stressed out, he complains, "It's not easy being a top when you've been in traction... but I did it." He puts on a neck brace. Now the spotlight bothers him. He slips on an eye patch and launches into his favorite song, "Frank Mills."

"My inner child's a real cunt," he confides and does a tough guy version of "Walk on By." He's stressed. He puts on a relaxation record. It's not easy being Pete Hilton, cabaret star.

In *The Tattoo Trial*, Pete is summoned out into the real world for jury duty. Dressing for rejection ("full drag would be too obvious"), he

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shows up in a pink T-shirt and nicely faded coveralls. Depressed at the thought of another rejection, he decides to do his civic duty. "What I need in my life is a wrongly accused serial killer," he cries, imagining his histrionic appeal for mercy in the jury room.

Between telling us about the case—a plaintiff is suing a tattoo artist for misspelling his girlfriend's name—Pete is engaged in a running battle with the judge, who is on his case for being late every morning. "For six-fifty a day, I wouldn't be too pushy about this promptness thing," he sasses. When the judge calls him "shameless," he takes it as a compliment and makes the big decision for a tattoo of his own.

The third monologue, *I Might Fall in Love*, is an epic tale of rocky romance in free verse that stars Ronnie, the choreographer at a Great America theme park—"a simmering cesspool of family fun"—and his lover, Darien, the star dancer. Sex, lust, gratification and jealousy run amok when a rival choreographer arrives. The cast also expands to include ticket takers, an engineer whose nipples Ronnie services ("he doesn't need a lover, he needs a milking machine") and sundry ice skaters infested with crab lice that inhabit their hairy costumes.

But any soap opera worth its salty tears must have a moral, and this one is—in a line that might have capped an early Barbara Stanwyck movie—"When losers become lovers they're no longer losers."

Holsclaw is a treasure—a witty, outrageous, in-your-face treasure.

Tattoo Love, highly recommended, plays Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, Wednesdays through Sundays through Aug. 8 at 8 pm. Call 861-7933. ✿

Paul Capsis and A Pack of Divas

Reviewed by Larry Myers

Paul Capsis and his Pack of Divas, which blew into Josie's Cabaret for a memorable peek, must be the greatest living threat to Lipsynka. Rather than the arch trappings of lounge singers, perceptive and compassionate Capsis goes "soul searching" among the divas and he provides us with the cosmic rumblings behind legends. He takes international prima songstresses and makes them oddly intergalactic! Beginning with Shirley Bassey, he creates an earthy, brassy grande dame who suddenly goes off into odd contralto and unearthly atomic siren sounds.

His neutral character between all the great ladies looks like Ann Blyth decked out for *Kiss of the Spider Woman*. Mr./Ms./Phenomenal Capsis is most engaging in the strange ground between pre-impression and post-self. His tongue curls and he hisses out indictments of the stars—improvised, nasty putdowns and sendups as his energy crisscrosses with earth energy and the chakras of the grande dames. Memorable is a brief encounter between Liza and Judy. This should be transcribed, polished and developed. He launches into our current favorite witch, the Queen of Camp—a man impersonating a woman impersonating a gay man—Ms. "Hocus Pocus" Midler. He follows the metamorphosis from "kiss ass" fag strut to the pop "God is watching us" babe.

His second power witch impression is Diana Ross herself. Hurling himself into the audience, he screams, "Security!" during an obligatory "Reach Out and Touch" rendition. He hisses and coos his way through this megalomaniacal number.

On his performance journey he makes his way through the androgynous Prince and Michael Jackson, then screeches and cavorts his way to Tina Turner and Janis Joplin. These tributes are beyond outrageous gender-bending. They are stunningly touching, gut-wrenching, electrifying turns. He recreates the eras of these brash, bawdy rock divas and makes this far more than a drag show—it becomes time travel.

Capsis' schizophrenic and psychopathic turns are larger than life. It is no surprise to learn that he does Maria Callas. He has the stature and vocal equipment to do Leontyne Price, Joan Sutherland and Marilyn Horne, and he has the "Big Mouth" expertise to do Martha Raye, Betty Hutton or JoAnne Worley.

What Capsis should eliminate is the Carol King tune where he sings as himself (Craig Russell meets Jim Bailey). Surrounded by these awesome, dangerous divas, his small talk sounds even smaller. All his extra verbiage lessens the power of his wild, fearless heroines. Capsis makes these songbird heroines nothing less than avenging female furies! ✿

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Ask, Don't Grab:

Personal Boundaries Can be Hard to Recognize

A recent experience has led me to think very hard about when it is appropriate to touch someone. I was in a bar in the Castro when someone I have known for about two years came up and gave me a hug. But after a few minutes, my friend started to pinch my tits. I gently asked that he not do that, but he kept on. So I told him that "I do not wish the public display" and asked him pointedly to stop. His response offended me; he told me he had seen me doing personal things with others in public and he didn't understand why he couldn't do the same. I told him that was different, it was with my boyfriend or people whom I allowed to touch me. He persisted anyway, and I finally had to walk away.

I don't even think he knew that he was offending me. And that's the scary part. How do you get the message across, short of punching someone in the nose?

Ideas about when it is appropriate to touch someone differ from person to person. No one has the right to invade anyone's boundaries without consent. The most important rule to remember is you have the right to say no! If someone still persists, you may choose to tell the person off or you can walk away. These choices may not be easy because of the relationship you may share with the person. Nonetheless, if you ask them to stop and they don't, they are not respecting you. Even if it is your boyfriend/girlfriend the rules still must apply. I can understand it's more difficult to say no to your lover, but you still have the right to say no!

As a suggestion, you should sit down and think about what your boundaries are and how you would handle this situation should it arise. Remind yourself of what you decide from time to time. And although we're talking about being offended by others, we also need to ask ourselves if we are offending someone.

Basically, just try to be as courteous to people as you can be. Think from your heart and not from your groin.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DRUMMER

On July 17, the crowd at the Mr. Northern California Drummer & Drummer Boy contest was shy at first, but warmed up after emcees Queen Cougar and Greg Byfield laid a little humor on them. These two high-energy community spokespersons deserve a hand, as they are working so closely together as Mr. & Ms. SF Leather (what good-looking and supportive leaders!). Jamie Santos worked exceedingly hard and did a great job on preparations for the contest. Fantasies and speeches by the contestants were right on target and referred to current social problems we are now facing. The Fire Dance that Skeeter (SF Dyke Daddy II) did with her Slave Kelly was one of the best and most dramatic fantasies I have ever seen. The speech by Spot (a.k.a. Paul) was straight from the heart and got right to the point. It was received with tremendous respect from the audience. After speeches and fantasies by Drummer contestants Graylin Thornton, Grant Dupont, Irwin Kane, and Drummer Boy contestants Spot, Matt Langford and Cody, judges Skeeter, Paul Maionchi (Mr. South Bay Leather '93), Mitch Johnson (Mr. SF Leather '91), Scott (master piercer at the Gauntlet), Mark McKee (Mr. Alameda Co. Leather '92), and Andy Anderson (Mr. Safe Sex '93) deliberated. And the winners are: Graylin Thornton; now holder of the title Northern California Drummer, and Spot, the new Northern California Drummer Boy. Best of luck, guys, at the International Drummer contests on Sept. 25. The Black party that followed, sponsored by Mr. S Leathers, kept a reasonable crowd and continued for some time after the contest.

Mr. Alameda Leather '93-'94, Randy Wright; Ms. Alameda Leather '93-'94, Beth Elliott.

Photo by B.J.

SOUTH BAY'S LEATHER NIGHT

Greg's Ball Room had its anniversary this past week. Thursdays are reserved for leather night,and did they get a crowd on July 23. There was a live entertainer and a few S/M demonstrations. All in all it was a fun night.

BOOT CAMP WEEKEND

The weekend of July 23-25 was an event weekend at the Russian River. On Friday night there was an underwear party at Ziggurat with the Battle of the Bulge contest. There were some hot-looking guys parading around in their BVDs. A few of them looked as if they had an attitude problem, but I just think they need to be tied up and seriously fucked. Not everyone was in briefs, but all seemed to be having fun. Saturday night, also at Ziggurat, was another big party and the crowd went wild when Pussy Tourette performed her hits "French Bitch" and "Free Pussy." The outfits of camouflage and uniforms were a sight to see. The personal and after-hours parties at the Triple R resort were wet and wild. I would like to thank Michael Everaert, publisher of *Odyssey Magazine*, for putting on this very fun event weekend.

ALAMEDA COUNTY LEATHER

July 24, the Turf Club in Hayward was the location of the Mr. and Ms. Alameda Leather contest. Mark McKee and Lil Cooper have worked hard this past year at trying to attend every event possible. I can't even begin to count how many they attended. These two also put on a lot of events themselves including one of my favorites, Mr. & Ms. East Bay Cheeks and Chaps. I wish Mark and Lil a fun stepping-aside and wish that I could have been there, but I was at the Boot Camp weekend at the Russian River.

The judges for the contest were J.C. Collins, Heidi Bayer, Queen Cougar, Lenny Broberg, Mr. Marcus and Paul Maionchi. A traditional fantasy was performed by Michelle Coin and his boy, with a comedy fantasy performed by Edison Key and Tina Carrol, plus many more by guests and contestants. The winner for the Mr. title was Randy Wright and the Ms. title was Beth Elliot.

COMING UP

Pleasure Chest: Leatherwomen titleholders present "Pleasure Chest," on Saturday, July 31, starting at 7 pm at Olive Oyl's on Pier 50. There

will be a leather auction by Scooter (Ms. SF Leather '88) and Nina (Ms. SF Leather '89). Entertainment includes Rainbeau, singing by Kim Wallace (Ms. Leather Sacramento '87), Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93), and B.C. Cliver (SF Dyke Daddy I); with leather titleholders scheduled to take part in some steamy fantasies. There's a sliding cover of $5-$7, and it looks like shirts and ties are not required.

Up Your Alley '93: On Sunday, Aug. 1, SMMILE presents "Up Your Alley '93" starting at 11 am on Dore Alley between Folsom and Howard. This is a scaled down version of the Folsom Street Fair but is just as fun. This leather block party will have crafts vendors, food booths and live entertainment. All of the proceeds will be donated to Kairos/Godfather Service Fund and the SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Festival. Hope to see you there.

Leather Buddies is for men who are into leather, rubber or uniforms. This hot party has been a big hit and packs the house every time. Call for membership info at (415) 979-0242. A portion of this party's proceeds will go toward keeping anonymous HIV testing at the AIDS Health Project. Apparently, the funding is being cut, so we now have to fund one more thing ourselves.

Mr. and Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps: Nova Lei and Ray Tilton of Creative Productions present the 2nd Annual San Francisco Mr. and Ms. Cheeks & Chaps competition at the Eagle on Friday, Aug. 6 at 8 pm. Other hosts this year include Grant Dupont (Mr. Watering Hole '91), Heidi Bayer (Ms. South Bay Leather '93), Scott Stewart (Mr. Gay SF), and Donna Sachet (Ms. Gay SF). A beer/soda bust will be $8 for all you can drink and a 50/50 raffle will benefit the Lesbian/Gay Chorus. The Master and Mistress of ceremonies are Random Chance & Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93). Stepping aside after a long year will be the reigning titleholders Scott Karnuth (Mr. SF and co-winner Int'l Cheeks & Chaps '93) and Judith Tury (Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps '93). The entertainment will be the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco, Buddy Montgomery, Lisa Gray, Nick Wilson, and Martini & Company. The winners from this contest will represent San Francisco in the international finals. Good luck to all of the contestants. Join Jana Courson (Int'l Ms. Cheeks & Chaps '93), Richard Faust (co-winner of Int'l Mr. Cheeks & Chaps '93, also Mr. Watering Hole '93), and Scott Karnuth as they step aside at the international finals on Sept. 18 at the Eagle.

Cheeks & Chaps Regional Contests: Central Valley Cheeks & Chaps will be held in Fresno on Saturday, Aug. 21 at 1 pm. The contest will be held poolside, with party to follow. Anyone interested may contact (209) 233-3553 for more information. Russian River Cheeks & Chaps will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Rainbow Cattle Company. Northern Calif. Cheeks & Chaps will be held on Saturday, Sept. 4, at the Wreck Room in Sacramento.

East Bay, South Bay and San Diego regionals are not yet scheduled, but have been planned before the International Finals. Southern California Cheeks & Chaps has already been held and will send the winner in September. Australia has had a regional contest, but I am unsure if they will be able to send their contestant this year.

First Saturday: Please join Tatiana for her 6th anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Eagle starting at 8 pm. Tatiana has raised thousands of dollars for different charities and is continuing without a break. Her theme of "Love Can Move Mountains" seems to be a theme that we need to remember. Love can conquer all! Performers Lady Bobette, Eva Davis, Nickole Dushey, Amber Glass and Lola Lust have been working with Tatiana and for the community for many years now. Hard workers and some real fun people.

Russian River Leather Weekend takes place Aug. 13-15 in Guerneville. A collection of events is scheduled to fill your weekend with nonstop entertainment. There will be dance parties, a crafts fair, title contest, workshops and a motorcycle run. The entertainers this year are Rainbeau, Terry Foster, Gail Smith and members of the Sacramento Leather Association. The Russian River Resort (official host resort) is already quite full, but you may also try the other host resorts at Paradise Cove (707) 869-2706 or Highland Dell Inn (707) 865-1759. If you wish to camp out try the host campground, The Willows resort (707) 869-2824. Please join us this year for a weekend of high-energy partying. If you are good at S/M workshops, please contact Jamie Santos at (415) 661-7291. She is heading the recruitment and scheduling the workshops for Russian River Leather Weekend. ✿

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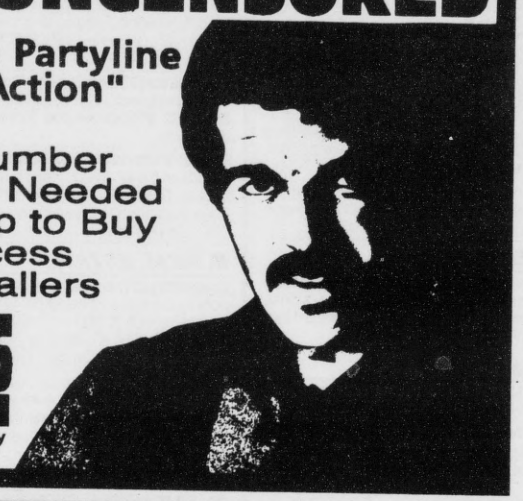

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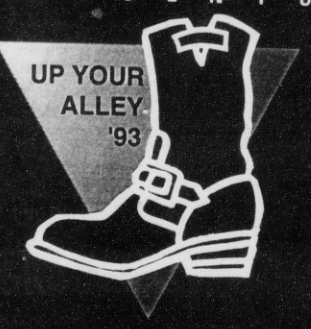

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8:00pm - A Welcome to Leather Weekend Party at Ziggurat $ 7

SATURDAY
10:00am - Motorcycle Run, leaving from the RRR $n/c
10:00am - Poolside Party & Crafts Fair at the RRR $ 6
1:00pm - Leather Contests - RRR (included in Poolside party admission)
9:00pm - Leather Dance Party at Ziggurat $ 10

SUNDAY
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Lesbian Sacred Sex: Photographer Marcelina Martin is looking for couples to photograph for upcoming book, *Lesbian Sacred Sexuality*, co-authored with Diane Mariechild. For photo sessions in August, women of color, older women, disabled women and fat women are sought. We want to make this book to represent our diverse community. Help us make it so. Call for info: (415) 459-7646.

■ CALL FOR PROPOSAL

Request for Proposals: Legal Services—Notice is hereby given that the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (the Authority) will receive proposals from interested law firms to provide legal services for a period of one to five years. Copies of the Request for Proposals are available at the Authority's offices or can be obtained by calling (415) 554-7747. All proposals must be in writing, sealed and identified as to content and be received by the Authority no later than 4 pm on August 13, 1993. Proposals should be addressed as follows: San Francisco County Transportation Authority; Attn. Pamela Y. Granger; Director of Management and Finance; Room 255 City Hall; San Francisco, California 94102.

■ VOLUNTEERS

Youth Talkline: Be a part of the first lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning Youth Talkine in the Bay Area! Young people 23 and under are needed to staff the lines and volunteers of all ages are needed to provide support. People of color, bilingual people, transgender people and people with HIV and AIDS are especially encouraged to get involved. Call LYRIC, the Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center at (415) 703-6150 ext 4 for more information.

Women: Help end violence against women. Volunteer at the Riley Center Shelter for battered women. Crisis line, children's program, peer counseling and special projects. Call Beth at (415) 255-2754.

Help Improve Healthcare for Lesbians & Gays! The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) seeks volunteers to assist in the office or do word processing at home. Volunteers will join a small, friendly staff in fighting homophobia within organized medicine and supporting projects for lesbian health research and HIV-positive health workers. Excellent place to work off parking tickets! For more information call Deborah at (415) 255-4547.

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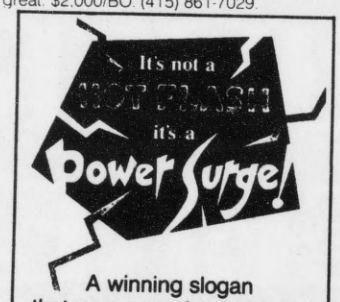

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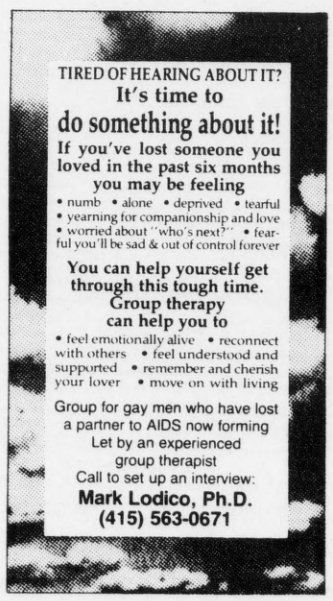
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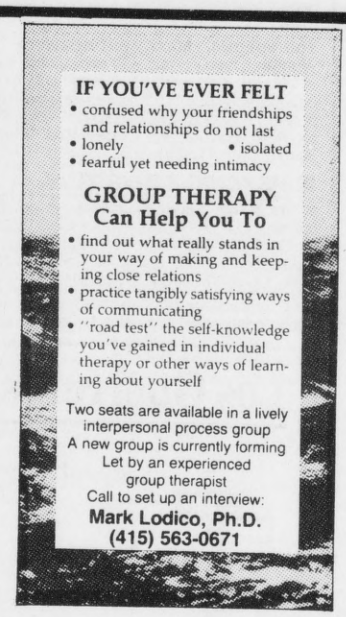
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Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

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► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

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SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social, recreational & support activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. For info about activities or to talk to young people call 863-3636 (SF) or 1-(800)-246-PRIDE (outside SF). LYRIC's business number is 703-6150.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Constant Craving Coffeehouse for Lesbian & Bisexual Women under 23: Last Thurs of each month at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 7 pm. Spons by LYFE, LYRIC & the Women's Building. Info: 565-7681. 25-cent coffee & tea, plus music, food, live entertainment & lots of fun!

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GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: Call Felicia at LYRIC 703-6150.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Sat 2-4 pm at Eureka Rec Center, 100 Collingwood at 18th, SF. Info: 703-6150.

After-School Recreation Group for young people age 18 & under: Includes discussion, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, photography, self-defense class, movie nights. Info: Kathy at LYRIC 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Contra Costa Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth, ages 21 and under. Group meets Sat at 5:30 pm at Pacific Center in Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Voices of Pride Sexual Minority Center in Oakland provides support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under. Drop-in counseling on Tues, 3-5 pm. Facilitated peer support group Sun 3-5 pm. Info: (510) 530-8529 or (415) 533-4026.

Dignity/SF sponsored drop-in group for gay, lesbian & bi young Catholics. Discussion of faith, sexuality & identity. Tues 7-9 pm at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: 255-9244.

the personals

WOMEN

East Bay Or San Francisco

Active, responsible, intelligent and laughing 39 y.o. woman searching my horizon for a lesbian or bisexual partner who enjoys romance, companionship, love and sex. Please be pet friendly, comfortable with yourself and committed to equality and quality in relationships. Write to A.L., PO Box 28235, Oakland 94612 or call ★★7967 and tell me about your dreams and your realities.

Beauty With Brains

Analytic thinker with curious mind, adventurous spirit and passionate heart. Seeking stimulating conversation, emotional depth and uninhibited sex. Looking to meet women of integrity, independence, clarity of mind, and practiced awareness of self and others. I enjoy swimming at night, theater, country-western to opera, reading, dancing, films, dressing up for dinner or cooking on a campstove. I am slender, very attractive, interested in finding other attractive, accomplished, professional women, who can travel the realms of both mind and heart. Please be knowledgeable and accepting of your own limitations and psychologically aware, around 37-45 yrs. old, weight proportionate to height. Not interested in P.C. rhetoric, 12-step mentality or psychic/spiritual jazz. Call ★★7968.

1957 Taurus

High performing medium sized luxury version, beautiful blonde over blue interior, tan exterior. Looks great, sounds wonderful and drives like a dream. Seen parked at fine restaurants, campgrounds, children's schools, daily at a corporation parking garage and often at church. Can go from 0 to bitch in 3.5 seconds, but mostly purrs when handled correctly. Driven on some rough roads yet rides smooth and secure. Ethical, crazy femmes get huge rebate! Don't be afraid... call! This one won't last! Call ★★7969.

Ignition

I smoke, I toke, I joke. I believe life is for living, and I am enjoying the journey. Very attractive (striking soft butch looks), emotionally stable, artistic, adventuresome, confident, single white female, looking for same. Got the spark? Call ★★7970.

The Forever Hope

My hope is at 41 to settle down with Ms. Special. She should be femme-centered, like being so, and enjoy being "woman," not a bad imitation of "man." I'm butch-centered, but wear make-up and enjoy woman things. I've been in this life forever. I know what I want! Be positive, semi-happy, no therapy addicts, NS, ND, light drinker, no extremists/separatists. I look together and attractive—you too! Call ★★7971.

join the SSS

Summer Shindigs for Single women—mid-30s-mid-40s. currently gathering weekly for cafe soirees to plan dinner parties, artistic sojourns, brunches, bike rides, beach jaunts, lowdown bbqs, game nights, musical/theatrical/cultural events & assorted whatnots w/a smattering of intellectual dialectics. please be attractive, dynamic, mature, eclectic, creative & fun-loving w/a great sense of equanimity. must be relatively sane to share responsible space & time w/ adventurous souls. pls pls pls—no radicals or difficult neurotics. Call ★★7972.

Hi! I'm a dizzy cute gal and a hard worker. I don't get out much to meet others of our kind. I'm looking for pretty single WFs in their 40s to write to, and go from there. No drugs or drinking. Send photo if you can. Don't be shy. No crazy sex. Write to PO Box 1666, Martinez 94553.

1920's Paris?

My fantasy: two exquisitely passionate women leaning intimately into their hushed romantic conversation over sumptuous dinner and fine wine, arm in arm strolls through an overgrown rose garden flushed with rosy moonlight, adoring strokes of the cheek... Not 18th and Castro... yet, could it be only me and old drag queens think this way? Yes, I can get pissy and even pragmatic, but I am a romantic-beauty, a delicate child, a dreamer. Lovers, sisters, friends—write. Reply BT Box JY1C.

Seeking A Simple Life

And a special lesbian to share it with. Enjoy nature, swimming, music, travel and thinking. Aversion to being busy. Feminism, self-awareness & co-dependency issues are important. 5'6", 125 lbs., olive-skinned, ethnic background, early 40s. For me—similars attract! Call ★★7973.

Intense Lover

Of the outdoors, health & fitness, romance, passion, intellectual discourse, comedy, music, film & positive perspectives toward life's challenges. I'm 31 y.o. SWF, 5'5", vegetarian, medium build with intense blue eyes & a mischievous smile. I'm a playful spirit who understands how to balance managing my own business while still taking time to have fun. Seeking a fun-loving partner for companionship and/or romance, 27-35 y.o., no drinking, smoking or drugs, similar height, who wants to explore the world—inside & out. Please call. Call ★★7974.

Visiting SF Solo In August

28 y.o. single lesbian looking for adventure in SF. Hoping to find a tour guide, date, etc., for a couple of days and nights. I am very cute, athletic, fun. Seeking adventurous dyke or bi female of any race, age. If we connect, you are welcome to visit me in Boston. Your photo gets mine. Write to: A.M., PO Box 146, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 or call ★★7975.

Relocating To Bay Area From Pennsylvania: Broken-hearted, Beautiful Musician

Recovered from loss of lover of 10 yrs. 31, white, Jewish, financially secure medical prof. Very beautiful—physically, emotionally, spiritually. Singer/songwriter, guitarist, Taurean, weight trainer, animal lover. Extremely giving, warm, gentle, sensitive, spiritual, affectionate, romantic, intense, creative, humorous, stylish. Lover of blue eyes, Barbra Streisand, womyn's music, theater, beach, outdoors, cooking, love stories, romancing, shopping, dancing, etc. Smoke/drug/alcohol-free. Seeking prof. woman, age 35-50, for companionship and love. Please include photo. Reply BT Box JY2C.

Teach Me

Recently out, currently married, BiWF, 31, seeks 30something slim-to-medium build, sexually free, feminine or androgynous woman to explore my sexuality with. No male/female threesomes or S/M. Call ★★7976.

LF: I Like New York In June...

Actually, no. But I do like hearing New York when you say, "Coffee." I like the color of you, and that walk! I like the sweetness that shows up in your sad eyes (can I make it better?). I like the nine-month-old redheaded femme wrapped around your life. And I'd like to get to know you better. Keep coming back. —Red.

Woman Of Interest

I look forward to spending some time with women interested in new adventures. If you currently have a formula, I am definitely not the one. However, if you are open with self and others, intelligent, communicative and have a real life of your own, you may well find this fit, attractive, African-American woman of interest. Call ★★7977.

Sweet, quiet lesbian who appreciates beauty in art and nature, likes cities not suburbs, and thinks communication is very important, seeks busy and self-realized SF lesbian for informed conversations about culture and politics and willingness to explore a possible relationship. New friends welcome too. No S/M or addictions. Reply BT Box JY3C or call ★★7978.

RSVP

I was Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for my high school (in 1965), and I was once almost blown up by the IRA. (The two are not connected—though I do make dynamite chocolate chip cookies.) Want to know more? I'd like to hear your stories, too. Warm, attractive, dependable North Bay lesbian feminist historian seeks others to be silly and serious with. Friendships important; one LTR desirable. Please be honest, emotionally responsible, and free from any serious needs for alcohol, tobacco or cats. Reply BT Box JY4C.

Warm, soft

butch 32 y.o. brown curly hazr, blue eyes, 5'2", lookin' for a womyn to spend some hot summer nights with. I like weekends at the river, motorcycle rides in the country, camping in Yosemite, and my two big cats. I also like kids, and I'm very sensitive, caring, and easy to be with. I enjoy the company of women of all ages, backgrounds and ethnicity. So give me a call. Call ★★7979.

Dreadlocked Bespectacled Dreamer

Groovy evil twin trapped inside 26-year-old BiBF into fanzines, clubs, sideshows, film and food, seeking friends with similar interests. I'm a motorcycle and tattoo worshipping tabloid fiend, kinda new to SF and curious about local music and art. I'm average height, weight and all of that... and a carnivorous nonsmoker. Extra points if you're a non-PC musician or filmmaker wannabe. Call ★★7980.

Girl Germs—Yuck!

Another burned out romance. What did it get me? I lost sleep. She got my favorite sweatshirt. Enough already. I'm over it. Now I'm seeking like-minded women to join me in purging women from my system. Let's bike, run, explore, see movies, hit the beach (clothing optional?). Anything to keep our minds off women. That should work for a week! Then maybe we'll test the waters again together. Call ★★7981.

Healthy-Sane-Spiritual

Vigorous, whimsical, unpretentious, attractive, nearly 50-year-old, lipstick-wearing lesbo nurse, photography buff, punster, jazz lover, farmer's market shopper. Educated, with well-developed values, lover of family, sensitive to sound and color, texture and form. Busily living life but want some intimacy again. Expect to take it slowly, but would be delighted if chemistry apparent. Reply BT Box JY5C or call ★★7982.

Sonoma County

Recently out but out to stay, wondering where the reasonable, active, attractive and available women are. I'm 40, seeking partner who can commit for the long run, willing to process when necessary but not continually. Enjoy staying fit via exercise or outdoor activities, dancing, healthy lifestyle. Have many varied interests. Let's live well yet spend consciously, retire early (create family?). Please write PO Box 736, Sebastopol 95473.

I Like Girls

Bi white female seeks gay, bi or bi-curious woman for erotic pleasures and sexual discussions; is bisexuality failure to make a commitment? Am I gay and just denying it? Are you? I'm 31, cute, HIV-, redhead, 5'4", 120 lbs. Your letter and photo gets mine. PO Box 1058, Fairfax 94978 or call ★★7983. Long hair and sexy a plus.

Hi, we are a group of bisexual women who meet once a month in Palo Alto. Join us—Pot Luck Women's Bisexual Support & Social Group, PO Box 61002, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★7984. For bisexual and bi-curious women only. Thanks.

Hello Out There

Oakland lesbian, 34, loves the outdoors, hiking, camping, horses, dancing, movies, Star Trek, Shakespeare and sports. I'm prof., athletic, nonsmoking, outgoing, and fun. Looking for someone who's not afraid to open up and share her dreams. Let's go out and play! Risk a phone call—let's talk. Outdoor buffs and sports nuts especially encouraged to reply. Call ★★7985.

Ambitious Femme

Seeks very intelligent, attractive, fit, femme professional or grad student, 26-36. A little New England decorum is welcome. Please no diseases, drugs or smoking. Reply BT Box JY6C.

Cool Shoes

She was looking for a butch of center woman who was tall, fit and over 30 and wore cool shoes and would sweep her off her feet and bring her books and flowers and hold her hand while she got her first tattoo. They would show each other all the odd and utterly surprising and painful and beautiful parts of their lives and laugh a lot and never be bored. Call ★★7986.

Big Raunchy Butch Wanted

You are a tall, big, well-built, butch dyke who likes to get her cock sucked before you stick it in me. This big, well-built, butchy-femme wants to service your raunchy kinky sexual needs. Light S/M tops are especially welcome to respond. No LTR or walk on beach hopefuls. Please, nonsmokers and non-substance abusers only. Call ★★7987.

Desperately Seeking Girlfriends

Asian woman, 31, spiritual, concerned about social issues, honest, humorous, cuddly, small-framed, attractive, who loves to dance and to do outdoor stuff, seeking small-framed women with same interests for possible friendship and/or commitment. Call me. Call ★★7988.

Interdependent Partnership

Seeking a wonderful, kind, humane, affectionate "old soul," 35+. Not a New Age mama, but a spiritual, earthy woman who really gets it. I'm introverted, intelligent, iconoclastic, feminist, ethically vegetarian, sensitive, boundaried, compulsive. In recovery, working real hard on my stuff. Striving for health/holism/knowledge/spiritual interconnectedness. Growth is my middle name. Enjoy theater, bebop, bookstores, history, television, jogging, earth. My love for animals knows no bounds. Call ★★7989.

"Somewhere In The Southern Hemisphere...

... There must be room for all this love." But right now, I'm here in the cold north. Been burned, but still optimistic (sort of). 23, affectionate, intense. Passions include music, writing, staying healthy and coffee (besides great sex and ice cream, my only vice). If you're 25-35, romantic, funny and know what you want (i.e., monogamous LTR), I'd love to talk to you. Call ★★7990.

Cynical Idealist

"In your vision of the world is the image of yourself." I have a great group of friends, but I'd really love to meet someone with whom I can intimately explore the world and share my sometimes simple, sometimes complex self. I truly enjoy being in a relationship, and with the right woman... Wow! I'm a 20something Jewish vegetarian with an active work/play life. If you are "happy-oriented," stable, emotionally available and, preferably Jewish (vegetarian is up to you!), I'd love to see if we have the potential to laugh and grow together. A youthful heart is essential, but chronological age is unimportant. Call ★★7991.

I Want To "Come Out" And Play

I am 34, Jewish, long-haired and well-educated. I like the Dead, sushi, long walks and talks, drums, children, traveling, eating out, laughter, learning Spanish, Osento. I know I like women, but I am excessively shy and need some support. I seek friends for sure, more when and if more fits. You are 30ish to 40ish, smoke-, alcohol- and (mostly) drug-free, share some interests and value friendship. Reply BT Box JY7C or call ★★7992.

Passionate Teacher

Somewhat shy but I'm seeking friendship or romance. I enjoy sightseeing, cultural events, museums, the outdoors, Star Trek/TNG, animals, quiet evenings and reading. Midwest transplant. Am spiritual (pagan). 37, stocky build, 5'1". Like leather on occasion. Am warm-hearted, well-liked, easygoing and have a positive outlook. Have been able to maintain a good sense of humor and am on a journey to understanding myself. Reply BT Box JY8C.

Pratibha Parmar's

Films stunned us. Reels rolled on our chests. We left to shoot more thought, to press life to an open tower. If ever words unclothed a vision... June Jordan's homage, Audre Lorde's "Harriet" did. I told Pratibha how cute I thought you were, she said, "Girl! Go after her!" She noted that while we share a commitment to social activism and to creating aesthetic beauty, we have worlds to exchange that will form the heart of our relationship. I said okay. I'm in front of you. What's your name? Call ★★7993.

Hold Me Tight

Don't let go. This GWF with burgundy hair, blue eyes, long legs and a killer grin is seeking tender arms and a brave heart. I enjoy music, comedy, exotic food. Flowers are a plus. Not to mention a fast route to my heart. Please be mostly butch, physically fit, and love romance. Let's do coffee... or each other. Your choice. Call ★★7994.

Out Of Your Element

And going further? Used to be a good girl, then you found out what you wanted? Looking for lesbian who wants to get out, go places, and be flirted with (at least). My fave distractions are cheap eats, loud music, cafes, live performance, sexplay, dancing and other queer subcultural incidents. I'm energetic, flexible, perceptive of diverse kinds of beauty. If you are sorta femme or androgynous and especially if you're also over 35, let's go somewhere. Call ★★7995.

Artsy Femmish Sensual Scientist

Seeks monogamous sweetheart, 30-45 y.o., biking, camping, walking, singing in the rain. No druggies or smokers. Let's dance! Let's first find friendship, then hot... I'm still naive, but want to learn. Do you read, play and have a life after work? Like dogs, love hugs and long kisses? Are you compassionate and a cuddler? Let's do tea! PO Box 20933, Castro Valley 94546 or call ★★7996.

Whatever Happens, Happens

Aquarian, 29, femme, looking for new friends, fellow music lovers, hot sex... Love all types of music, especially alternative—NIN, Ministry,

Curve... Into dancing for hours, exploring the psyche, picnics in the park, exchanging energy, soft sensual massages and rough raw sex... For potential friends, just be honest and open-minded. More than friends, be honest and open-minded, androgynous to butch, very physical, with lots of imagination. Call ★★7997.

Remember Paris When...

K.G., Please, please, please, please, please, please let us be friends now. I miss you! —H.S. Call ★★7998.

RSTLNE (Not)

How about somewhat closeted, very attractive, feminine and kind with a loving personality and a genuine heart. Add: intelligence, humor, wit, honesty and integrity. Combine: mid-30s, professional, fun-loving, romantic and normal, with a touch of red pepper for taste. I am exclusively interested in meeting other feminine, attractive, discreet, professional, stable, healthy, intelligent women, 30s to 40s, for fun, new friendships, dating and perhaps more. Sense of humor and laughter important. Reply BT Box JY9C.

Just A Nice Gal

Nice, caring woman, early-50s, wants the impossible: to "click" with an easy-to-be-with, attractive, slim woman who is comfortable with a simply sincere life. I'm afraid I have a quiet life so I don't need to be impressed. Individual security more appealing. East Bay a bonus. Particularly aware, sensitive and I have time for quality companionship. Call ★★7999.

Endearingly Annoying

Spunky, hyper-intelligent, bi-queer AF, early-20s, seeks impish, sassy, attitude-y women with whom to invent new Jell-o flavors and cause widespread panic. Call ★★8000.

I'm Perfect And So Are You—Not!

That's not real life, but I think this might be: A kind heart and a great sense of humor. Warmth and compassion. Sensitivity and intelligence. Playfulness and deep-down honesty. The ability and need to be separate sometimes; a desire to be close. A yearning to always keep growing. Honest mirroring, shared with gentleness and compassion. Enough emotional health to make quality friendships/relationships possible, and the wisdom to know that nobody's perfect. The willingness and ability to acknowledge and apologize for life's periodic, unintentional, inevitable hurts. I have some wonderful people in my life; I'd like to meet a few more for deep, enjoyable friendships, and perhaps a partner if that should evolve later. I have lots of interests, and also some allergies: dogs, smokes, strong scents. Cats are fine, though. I believe in beliefs but I'm tired of dogma. Mid-30s and older. No regular drugs or alcohol, please. So, who are you? I'd really like to know. Write or call. PO Box 11378, Oakland 94611 or call ★★8001.

Where Are You?

I've been looking for you if you're also attractive, independent, adventuresome, witty, sane, and feminine. I'm early-30s, brn/blue, slender, emotionally & financially stable, intelligent, fun-loving, professional and love to laugh. Living in Marin for the quality of life & access to nature, but work & play in the City. Have you been looking for me? Boxholder, PO Box 3816, San Rafael 94912.

First Time

Attractive tall feminine 40ish Black female seeks first time experience with youngish white feminine large-breasted female. Likes: snuggling, sucking, humor, music, art, volunteer work. Dislikes: Republicans, cigarettes, religious zealots. You won't be disappointed. Call ★★8002.

Big Fun

East Bay, 27-year-old, hardy, vegetarian, fun-loving, beer-drinking, athletically-spirited dyke seeks similar beautiful soft butch babe for fun and frolicking—or at least an interesting date. Call ★★8003.

I Think You're Gonna Like It

While browsing the personals you come across an ad. It says: "Attractive, intelligent, politically aware womon o' color, looking to meet like-minded womyn of all cultures." You're curious. You call. You meet. It's wonderful. Fantasy or prophesy? Call... I think you're gonna like it. Call ★★8004.

Reach Out And Touch

Warm and caring friends is what I am searching for. I enjoy music, comedy, the ocean, dancing, playing pool, and many other things. I am an attractive, honest, caring, playful femme, and I am looking for friends who share my interests. Call me and let's get together... and see what evolves. Call ★★8005.

365-Night Stand

Chemistry, charm and a wild streak... Looking for someone captivating, rowdy and brave to explore and grow with. I'm 27, quick-witted, androgynous-femme, into creating smiles, having fun, taking chances, etc. Not into fair weather lover or friend, but someone who is able to be somewhat consistent, adventurous and receptive to growth in a relationship. Love to talk further if this attracts you. Call ★★8006.

Sealed With A Kiss

Recent grad school alum, East Bay, S. Asian, soft butch lesbian, 29, 5'2", stimulating, healthy, funny and sensitive; looking for casual summer fun or more. Into music, movies, outdoors, writing and cooking. Looking for an adventurous woman who defies stereotypes. She is smart, fun, liberal, an idealist and looking to meet new women. Cute and spunky women of color encouraged to reply. Reply BT Box JY10C or call ★★8007.

You

Are a woman of color who enjoys the ocean, getting out of town on weekends, good movies, and good conversation. I am a woman of color who enjoys all of the above plus a lot more. If you're not into mind games or negative thinking, and you'd like to meet someone new, take a chance and give me a call. Call ★★8008.

Searching For Clalfia

Butch, 39, seeks the company of African-American femme. I enjoy movies, concerts, outdoor adventures, photography and hot sex. I love quiet evenings at home and the company of good friends. I have a strong spiritual and recovery program. I'm looking forward to meeting someone special. So please call! Call ★★8009.

Classical Musician Seeking Companion

Not a mainstream dyke—I don't play softball, or watch TV, or belong to a 12-step program. Not an alcoholic, not a smoker, not into drugs; instead I think, read, write, occasionally go shopping or to a movie. Instead of quick sex, prefer friendship first. I'm 36, youthful and slender. Who are you? Call or write to tell me. Call ★★8010.

I'm In The Mood

For love so that in the midst of wild dancing, subtle stroking, passionate everything else, our eyes have as much to explore, express as our bodies do. Also in the mood for great caffe latte with stimulating wit, conversation stirred in. Require delicacy and compassion; enjoy straightforward and outrageous. Musts: integrity, self-aware communication, uninhibited desire, adventurous sexuality, lesbian with artistic/leftish/humorous/slenderish/spiritual/athletic tendencies who enjoys the word "Yes," considers intimacy exciting, drama boring, and likes her own quiet company. Call ★★8011.

Dyke Assur-red Sex

With "Max Erotica" as handle. I'm 43, 5'7", 135ish, hazel-blonde "Dyke-asoar-us Rex" original cut, gray-green eyes. Other fit, accountable, semi-retired, health-consciously gallant lesbian—share mutual generositease, skills exchange; dance, arts escapades/collaborations; healing, dramatic, poetic license along urban gypsy trails; and playful laptime just smooching, nibbling and sucking. No grumps, smokers, druggers, alcoholics, nor strong scents. Give detailed descriptions. Reply BT Box JY11C or call ★★8012.

Friendship Leading To Monogamy

40-yr-old quasi-femme psychotherapist/teacher seeks woman who shares some of my interests: creativity, social issues, feminism, Roseanne, optimal health, Ferron, film, nature, psychoanalytic theory, chess, pool, movement improv. Friends describe me as interesting, intense, intelligent, nice (whatever that means), pretty and sensitive. I think I'm funny, loyal and trustworthy. Please be awake and therapized. NS/addictions, obesity. Call ★★8013.

Brazilian—Portuguese

Are you a Brazilian/Portuguese blue-eyed beauty? Do you love oysters and oldies? How about a tall, strong blonde? Come dance with me! 220 Montgomery, #2518, SF 94104 or call ★★8014.

De Castro Sisters

Happy First Anniversary. We Love You. —The Founders.

Yes!

These ads are fun! I especially like the one that said, "Bored with your social life? The solution is to start contacting strangers through newspaper ads for awkward conversation." Sounds good to me. But, please, no smokers. All kidding aside. I'm a fun person who has a life but could use a few more friends. San Francisco women preferred. Call ★★8015.

Key Words

Hot, wet, fiery, smooth, rough, ruff, willing, sane, melt, candlelight, dusk... Add your own to this partial list and perhaps we'll walk through doors once closed together. NS, ND, late-20s to 30s, attractive, affectionate, plays with light S/M at least occasionally, ideally would like to be in a relationship though not rushing to find one. Call ★★8016.

Romantic

Hold me, kiss me, thrill me. Make me tell you I'm in love with you. If you know the words to this song, you'll know the words to my heart. Ask it and so it shall be. 220 Montgomery St., #2518, SF 94104 or call ★★8017.

Loveluck

Complex woman, 32, with simple tastes and earthy/urban appetite, longs for fun and closeness with soft butch woman who is 30-40ish, intellectually sparked, intricate, genuine, not too insecure, fond of obscure movies, good food, heart talks, a real (rather than ultra-fit) body type, big gulps of nature, and who is already living stable, healthy, life in the present with purpose. Call ★★8018.

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BISEXUAL

Multiperson Relationship

Sensitive, caring, sexual, communicative, intelligent, definitely bisexual male seeks couple or like-minded individuals who want to explore the possibility of a committed, connected, honest, long-term multiperson relationship. Want M/F in touch with feelings and able to talk about them. I'm 39, HIV-, Marinite, who enjoys being in nature, hiking, biking, dancing, talking, being physical, pushing limits. Not interested in casual or purely physical relationships. Let's explore the possibilities. Call ★★8071.

Straight Male With Fantasy

SWM, 48, 5'10", 190, moustache, masculine, seeking two or more older cut males, HIV-, to humiliate me by taking photos of me on my knees as you use my mouth to get hard, then stop, jack-off and shoot your hot load on my face, maybe wash it off with golden shower. Invite lesbian friend to watch as further humiliation. Open to suggestions. Call ★★8070.

Happily married bisexual male seeks same. Please be in a working and committed relationship/marriage and be looking for friendship and support. I'm a 30something, fairly evolved, fairly attractive, successful entrepreneur who has spent a great deal of time embracing his bisexuality. I have full support from my wife who is committed to making our marriage work and encourages my self-actualization. I'm anxious to meet other bisexual married men in similar scenarios. Your brief note gets mine. Reply BT Box JY300C or call ★★8072.

Modern Primitive

WM seeking friends, lovers, companions. I am intense, intuitive, articulate, proud, humble, creative & caring. Interests include music, tantric sex, tattoos, black leather, S/M, rituals, smoking weed, staying up all night. Women, men, TV/S. PO Box 1834, Fremont 94538 or call ★★8073.

BiWM Seeks Female

Handsome, masculine, 35 y.o., 5'7", 144 lbs., into weightlifting, movies, plays and just about anything life has to offer. Looking for a special lady who possesses a strong passion for life and lives it to the fullest. Please be open-minded, caring, gentle, and have a great sense of humor. Write to: PO Box 282916, SF 94128 or call ★★8074.

Exotic Toy

Petite SWM, 29, yearns for the embrace of my mistress or master. Feel my shapely legs caressed in warm smooth tights. Erotic brown eyes lined in black look to your commands. Bind me to your pleasure as your slave. Size not so important, cleanliness is. Possible long-term situation for powerful woman. Sex, like all else, is as you wish, if at all. Prompt replies. Call ★★8075.

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Married?

Are there any married bi white males out there who crave the same? Sound familiar? You require complete discretion, 100% safety, hot healthy pleasure! I'm an enjoyable 42 y.o. bi MWM, 5'11", 178, clean, smooth, nicely endowed, bisexual family man in SF closet, available some weekdays for mutual safe fun with a trim married man about my age. Rush your letter/photo to Boxholder, PO Box 193081, SF 94119 or call ★★8077.

Sharon Stone And Goldie Hawn

Rolled into one. Assertive, but feminine. Intelligent and funny. I'm 25, blonde/green, 5'8", 140, 36c., fit, attractive, and bi-curious. I want my first to be attractive, fit, and femininity a must. UB white female, 21-35, who lures me away from Sacramento for occasional, but consistent, study breaks. Turned off by flakes, negativity, and vulgarity. Please no white drugs, smokers, husbands, boyfriends. Let's play. Call ★★8078.

TS Wants Possible Ongoing Steady Long-Term Friendship

With a single, slim, masculine, sexy, sensual, hairy WM, 35 to 47. Call ★★8079.

Destiny

It's going to be an exciting end of the year. But, I don't want to share it alone. I have ambition, compassion, integrity, and some quality time on my hands. I'm available emotionally, honest, deep, playful, and above average intelligence... and ready to have some fun with new friends (with the hope of touching my "soulmate" in the process). My soulmate: like me, she's between 27 and 36, NS, slim, professional and not afraid to test the status quo. I'm a challenge and looking forward to meeting other women who are "challenging." I have few expectations about this journey, but I welcome the exertion. Reply BT Box JY301C or call ★★8080.

Happily married BiWM seeks other bisexual men also involved in a primary relationship with a woman for friendship, support or more. I am 36, educated, athletic and would like to know what your experience has been in dealing with both sides of your sexuality. Your reply gets mine. Reply BT Box JY302C or call ★★8081.

The Only Things Not Pre-Recorded

In a pre-recorded universe are the pre-recordings themselves. "Heterosexual." "Homosexual." Rub out the word out-word rub thee the rub-out word word out-rub thee word rub thee out out the rub-word rub out the word. I'm 25, tattooed, pierced, seeking womyn, 18-58, and/or myn, 18-21. Call ★★8082.

Join WOB

Wives of Bisexuals (WOB), a small, progressive group of heterosexual women married to bisexual men, is seeking members to join new support group. We are looking for postive, articulate married women willing to share experiences, marriage challenges and coping mechanisms for living a successful alternative lifestyle. Please contact by phone or letter. Reply BT Box JY304C or call ★★8084.

Safety First

BiAM, 21, 5'5", 130, seeks M or F, 18-35, for safe

Dykes To Watch Out For

one sultry summer evening
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BABE, I'M SORRY! I DON'T LIKE WORKING 18 HOURS A DAY. BUT MY FIRST TIME IN COURT IS GONNA BE AGAINST SOME HEAVY CORPORATE LAWYERS!
I KNOW, CLARICE. I JUST WISH YOU WERE AS CONCERNED ABOUT THE BABY AS YOU ARE ABOUT YOUR JOB.
I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE BABY! IF I DON'T WIN THIS INJUNCTION AGAINST THE GARBAGE INCINERATOR, THE KID WILL HAVE LUNG CANCER BY THE TIME IT'S FIVE!
LOOK, I JUST NEED FOR YOU TO COMMIT TO THE REST OF OUR PRENATAL CLASSES OR ELSE I'M ASKING SOMEONE ELSE TO BE MY PRIMARY SUPPORT.
WHAT? WHO?!
I DON'T KNOW! SPARROW OR SOMEONE FROM OUR BABY GROUP. JESUS, MAYBE I'LL ASK THE PAPER GIRL! I SEE MORE OF HER LATELY THAN I DO OF YOU. AND AT LEAST SHE'S DEPENDABLE! :SOB!:
WAIL!
AW, TONI! I'M YOUR SUPPORT! I'M SORRY I HAVEN'T BEEN AROUND. FROM NOW ON I WILL BE, BABY. I GUESS I'VE BEEN KIND OF AN ASSHOLE.
A BIG ASSHOLE. -SNIFF-
YEAH, OKAY. A BIG, ROYAL ASSHOLE. C'MON, OR WE'LL MISS THE DANG CLASS.
KISS
MEANWHILE, MO IS PAYING A CALL OVER AT LOIS, GINGER & SPARROW'S PLACE.
Y'KNOW, I THINK THEA IS ATTRACTED TO ME, TOO. I JUST SENSE THAT KIND OF ENERGY FROM HER.
MO, GIVE IT UP. SHE'S MARRIED. IF YOU WANNA GET LAID, COME WITH ME TO THE LOVE TUNNEL TONIGHT. IT'S MUCH SIMPLER.
WELL, CALL ME FUSSY, BUT I PREFER HAVING SEX IN A PLACE WHERE MY SHOES DON'T STICK TO THE FLOOR.
HEY, WANT A VIBRATOR? AN EX WHO WORKS AT THE PLEASURE PIT GAVE ME THIS, BUT I ALREADY HAVE ONE LIKE IT.
UH... YEAH, SURE. I COULD REALLY USE IT ON MY NECK.
YEAH, I BET.
HEY, LOIS. REMEMBER I WAS GONNA BORROW YOUR CAR? MALIKA'S FLIGHT GETS IN AT 7:10.
LIVE IT UP.
MALIKA'S COMING? THAT'S GREAT, GINGER!
YEAH! SHE'S GONNA STAY FOR A WHOLE MONTH THIS TIME. FOR ONCE, LOIS WON'T BE THE ONLY ONE GETTING ANY ACTION AROUND HERE.
DING DONG
HI.
HI. I'M JUNE. IS SPARROW READY?

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fun, hrs. of foreplay, massages (body & feet), videos, mutual J/O, tongue baths, etc. No anal sex, maybe oral with condom. Age, weight, size unimportant, but being open-minded, safe and no pressure is. Let me know what you like & let's explore. Write PO Box 77421, SF 94107 or call ★★8085.

TRANS

Cross-Dresser Seeks Women
Male, early-40s, would like to meet a woman who would like to reverse roles occasionally and would not be turned off by him sometimes being Paula. Could be permanent relationship for right person. My best asset is I'm a nice caring person. Age and looks not important as being a nice person. Love, Paula. Call ★★8102.

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With a single, slim, masculine, sexy, sensual, hairy WM, 35 to 47. Call ★★8103.

A Fine Romance
MTF transsexual, 36, writer, in early stage of well-planned transition, is lovely, sweet and loving; strong and energetic. I am intelligent, witty, creative; and I dance beautifully. A deeply romantic soul, and a young girl's spirit, luckily coupled with just enough seasoned realism. I want to be in love, and explore my new sexuality in a committed context. Seeking a boyfriend of any gender (am somewhat afraid of men, b t want to be open to all). (Butch/femme lovemaking was divine with butch "ex.") Want to love an extraordinary partner? (If you also love dancing and theater, even better.) Call ★★8104.

SHARED INTEREST

Please Note
The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such as for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Prospective Queer Parents
Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★8116.

Granite, Anyone?
Looking for a rock climbing partner, experienced or beginner. If you like the outdoors, pushing your limits, managing fear (or if you just like nice forearms) this could be the sport for you. I'm 33, male, and capable of interesting conversation on the way to the crags. Despite the address, I live in the city. T., PO Box 641893, San Jose 95164 or call ★★8117.

Women—Get Sweaty!
Breathe hard and roll around on the floor together! Sound like your idea of fun? Join the wrestling team and go to Gay Games. For info call ★★8118.

World Music
Do your friends think you are odd when you introduce them to a millet germinating song from the highlands of Taiwan? Bird call songs of the pygmies? Share with me instead. East Bay woman looking for others with whom to expand her musical horizon. Call ★★8119.

East Bay Tennis
Women, looking for weekly tennis partners to rally with and play a few games. Please be an intermediate player or better. Call ★★8120.

East Bay magazine and video collector seeking other collectors to trade and/or borrow videos and magazines. Call ★★8121.

Father/Daughter; Mother/Son; Siblings
Which inner lovers influence our choice of partners? Father/son? Mother/daughter? What are our sexual and relationship his/her(stories) and patterns? (Pro)feminist Asian, 32, exploring mother-son issues, seeks adventurers for wondrous journey of self-discoveries; sharing insights, experiences, processes, tools (Jungian psychology, enneagram, oracles, therapy, etc.), support toward conscious relationships with suitable partners, affirming wholeness within ourselves. Let's heal together with hard work, loving com(passion), laughter, joy. San Francisco. Call ★★8122.

Friends
Lonely, intelligent gay man, spiritual (not a religious fanatic!), desperately seeks genuine, humble, unconditional friends. I want to touch the inner you & find others who can uplift me also. Need to totally alleviate my extreme loneliness & feelings of isolation. I'm WM, mid-40s, HIV-neg. Very serious and I will respond to all deep, unpretentious, sincere, good people having this need. Also, prefer 35 and up. Call ★★8123.

Hi! We're a group of bisexual women who meet once a month in Palo Alto. Join us—Pot Luck Women's Bisexual Support & Social Group, PO Box 61002, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★8124. For bisexual and bi-curious women only. Thanks.

dharma bums
buddhist dyke looking for others—to talk, walk, go to controversial films, ride the ferry, explore zen mind. anything's possible. i am 40ish, computer type, eccentric, sense of humor. Call ★★8125.

Dreamers/Dream Workers
GWM interested in continuing his search into the creative power of dreams. As Jeremy Taylor would say: "All dreams have more than one meaning and more than one level of significance." That is why it is so important to regularly share your dreams with a group of loyal friends. Group meets 2nd & 4th Fridays. Dreamers, PO Box 14065, SF 94119 or call ★★8126.

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Take A Hike
That's what I'd like to do. I'd like to explore the many parks and trails in Northern California by going on hikes and camping. Would like to meet others like myself, African-American lesbians, 30-40 yrs. old, who have similar interests. Doesn't matter if you can't pitch a tent, neither can I. We can learn together. Please call ★★8128.

Exchange Massage
CMT wishes to exchange with sincere slim to med. built GM. You need not be certified, only sincere and experienced in nurturing the spirit as well as the body. This is not a sex ad. As a massage therapist for the critically ill I am in need of a deep, caring touch to help me keep centered. Massage, PO Box 14065, SF 94119 or call ★★8129.

Next Step
I am a 37-year-old JM who works in the helping professions. I am intelligent, sensitive, complex and have varied interests in music, dancing, the arts, etc. I am looking for others who are, like me, exploring their gender identity, to talk, shop, dress up, go out, and become friends with. This is not all I do or am, and I don't know where all this is going to lead me. If this sounds interesting, please let me know. By the way, this is not a sex ad. Reply BT Box JY601C or call ★★8130.

Novice Tennis Partner
GM, 30s, seeks tennis partner for playing on any SF court weekday evenings or weekends or East Bay on weekends. Practice, fun are the goals. Call ★★8131.

Calling SF Lesbian Homeowners
Living in the Lower Haight, Duboce Triangle and Hayes Valley. Let's get together and share info on home improvement projects, general contractors, planting gardens and community improvement. A once a month potluck is what I have in mind. Interested? Call ★★8132.

Baku, Beyond, BySexual, B'z...
Christina, Cui Jian, Daat Ming Yat Paai, Hei Bao, Hound Dog, Lindberg, Otokogumi, Tai Chi, Tang Dynasty, Unicorn—these are some of my favorite singers and groups. This GWM knows what he likes to listen to, but knows little of the Asian rock scene. Would like to meet or talk with others who do know. Please write PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★8133. Thanks!

Who's Got A Tee Time?
Want to play more golf this summer. I'm playing consistently, shooting about 100, would like to meet SF women who are about that skill level or better. I like to play fast, also. Singles, twosomes or any combination. Call ★★8134.

Art Deco Music
If you're a guitar (amplified) player and want to get together with a clarinet/sax player to play pop/jazz from the 1930s—Berlin, Gershwin, Porter, Ellington, Waller, et al—give me a call; bass player too. Call ★★8135.

Still Sailing
After all these years. Yeah! Looking for a few strong women to be a part of my crew. Positive attitude and being a good sport more important than previous sailing experience. Have fun 24' sailboat. Looking for women who have time to sail after work or on weekends. Call ★★8136.

HIV+ Friends
Looking to meet HIV+ men over 40 to share information. I have been positive for two years and know few who are the same. Would like to make new friends and build a support system. Call ★★8137.

Women Runners And Walkers
Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in-between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Call ★★8138.

MESSAGES

R&D Lab Womyn
You have reddish strawberry-blonde hair & work with a lot of urine. I am a temp who is normally outgoing, but finds herself tongue tied around you. I'm not interested in having an intense relationship. My lover lives in D.C. Fun, coffee, dancing at the Horse, maybe a good friend or a romp in the hay. Call ★★8155.

Pan Sexuals For Multiple Food Experiences—
Was on your T-shirt under a long white beard, at the Embarcadero after the Parade. We took a picture of you, and I want to talk. Please contact me. PO Box 578, Penngrove, CA 94951.

Ships In The Midnight Sun
Midnight Sun, Saturday, July 3, 10:30 pm. You entered with friends: Asian, short black hair, moustache, wearing cowboy boots, jeans, long-sleeved shirt, sleeves rolled up. Extremely attractive. Eyes met as you entered. Me: seated along wall, European, brown hair, cleanshaven, stocky, T-shirt, jeans, white tennis shoes. Eyes kept meeting. You left shortly. We smiled to each other as you left. Do his friends remember? Show him this. Call ★★8156.

Tall Fine Black Butch
I'm the bitch slut you approached in the Castro Theatre lobby on 6/22. At the Dyke March I wore my hot latex fashions, tall black leather boots and slithered by you way too briefly. Missed you at the Parade. The tease is lusciously juicy and wet. The sparks are flying, let's ignite the flesh! I want to ride your big fist(s)! Call ★★8157.

Superstar Video, Saturday, 7/17, 7 PM
I gave you my card because we have a very similar interest. I'd love to talk to you and take it from there—no pressure. I'm an easygoing, average guy, and always discreet. You're very handsome and share a unique passion with me. Please call for an opportunity for us to get to know each other. Thanks. Call ★★8158.

Maniac Driver On Bay Bridge
Sunday, 7/18, on the upper deck heading toward the City. You were driving a red Nissan truck, wearing no shirt and black cap. Me: driving a black Toyota Celica, following you like the maniac driver I am. We both exit on the Embarcadero off-ramp. We waved at each other before we turned in different directions on Harrison Street. Hope to C-Ya again! Call ★★8159.

You Answered My Ad
(Beauty With Brains) I was unable to retrieve all my messages from Sunday, June 18, and Monday, June 19. Please respond again. Call ★★8160.

Outside The Marsh
After "Keith Haring" on Saturday, July 17. You were with long-haired blond, asked what the initials on my white satin jacket stood for. Seemed to be mutual attraction, but too many people. Want to talk with less of a crowd? Call ★★8161.

Tuesday, July 20, you were buying groceries at Cala Food on 18th Street for chili; black leather jacket, short brown hair; me, behind you in checkout, blond hair, white sweatshirt. Would like to see you again. Call ★★8162.

MEN

Attention: Small Endowed Men
Those with a small penis and/or those who like them small. Indicate if you have a small one or admire small ones for proper application. SASE required. Serious only need apply. Box 1397, El Cerrito 94530.

In Real Life
In real life people say one thing and then they do another. In real life they will break the tender heart of an innocent lover now and then, no big surprise, it happens all the time in real life. So maybe I'm living in a fantasy world but I still believe that somewhere out there lives a man who has been looking for me as long as I have been looking for him. I am an attractive, versatile, Hispanic man, 5'6", 130 lbs. I am asymptomatic HIV+, physically, emotionally and financially stable, 36 years young. My friends all ask me how I have managed to stay single for so long? Well, I've had very many offers and I've kissed a lot of frogs hoping they'd become my Prince Charming. Finally I realized that I am my own Prince Charming. I neither need nor want anyone to sweep me off my feet and carry me off to their castle in the sky. I have my own castle and kingdom now and am looking for someone to share that with. My prince is African American, between 25-45 y.o., masculine yet versatile, strong, stable and independent, but willing and able to establish and maintain a loving, caring and committed relationship. Come share my life, my love, my body and soul. Reply BT Box JY70C or call ★★8171.

Multi-Ethnic Friends Wanted
GBM, 40 y.o., 5'11", muscular, 192#, work out daily, nonsmoker, youthful and athletic, airline professional, visits Thailand and Malaysia on a regular basis, would like to meet honest, foreign-born guys, 18-35, with similar interests, will respond to all. PO Box 880608, SF 94188 or call ★★8172.

Grown Man
Seeks another. We're both 42-50, in-shape, educated, professional. I'm 6'3", 190#, gray/blk, HIV+, handsome, sexually versatile, addicted to books, opinionated banter, good food, occasional work-outs. We both enjoy the arts, travel, buildings, gardening, entertaining. We are bored by unimaginative boy/daddy, S/M, B/D and all dualistic relationships. We're each into some form of spiritual practice (I'm Christian with Buddhist leanings) and can get to know each other patiently, deeply, over a long time... NS, ND. Call ★★8173.

You're Under 25 And Spiritually Aware
I offer a total lifestyle: home, plus a ranch in the mountains, travel, comfort, security and wonderful sex. I am 39, New Age, vegetarian, act and look straight, nonsmoker (not tobacco), 6', 165 lbs., blond, HIV-, financially independent, good-looking and I have a great sense of humor. You don't smoke tobacco, you're optimistic, bright, holistic, HIV-, trim and good-looking. I'm interested in a LTR with a sensitive younger brother who likes fun and adventure. Call ★★8174.

Positive GWM Seeks Positive GAM
I'm tired of playing games! I believe in saying what I want. I'm looking for an Asian man to share my life with. A life partner. I am 37 y.o., 6'2", 190 lbs., hairy chest, attractive, loving, sensitive & healthy HIV+. I love to lay on the couch and watch an old movie with someone snuggled in my arms. I love to cuddle, kiss, lick, suck and make love with an Asian man. I'm sexually versatile, but prefer being bottom. I don't fuck... I make love. Tall men are a+. Let's meet and see what happens. Call ★★8175.

Little Guy—Big Cock?
You fit the saying that big surprises come in small packages; love showing off your big meat and enjoy the attention when guys admire that big dick on your little body. WM, late 40s, wants to worship your cock. Asians and Blacks a plus. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★8176.

Exceptional Man
Good-looking WM, 37, 5'10", trim, clean-cut, sometimes quiet type, occasionally wild, fun, interesting, articulate, diverse interests, with a lot to offer the right man, weight-trained body, great rear, mostly bottom (but not much into Greek), open to kink and fantasy scenes. Seeking a similar, handsome, laidback, open-minded, masculine man who looks sharp in a suit and hot in a leather jacket, for friendship, good times and more. Call ★★8177.

Racquetball/Workout Partner Wanted
Yeah, I know this is a wordy and G-rated ad among all these abbreviated descriptions. So if my measurements are your focus then you should scan down to another ad. My desire is to meet someone who is able to compete with me on the racquetball court and inspire me in my workouts (or at least make me sweat and breathe hard—and that doesn't have to be limited to the gym). Companionship outside the gym could be in the form of tennis, rollerblading, flea markets and thrift shops, cards and games with friends or just walking through the Bay Area and sharing conversation interspersed with an occasional painful pun. He could educate me in his areas of interest and, I would hope, appreciate my dedication to safer sex. If you are still reading this ad and would like to reply, then please write to E. at PO Box 190152, SF 94119-0152 or call ★★8178.

I want to connect
with a man who: frames his life with integrity; can cry freely; wasn't overindulged growing up; works to his full potential and earns his own way; is proud of his religious and ethnic heritage; doesn't identify himself through bodybuilding; respects boundaries and behaves based on consideration and not passion; doesn't have sex with friends and knows why not; has experienced healthy love; doesn't need lots of friends for his identity; doesn't need 12-steps but doesn't hide from therapy; has the grace to conclude relationships with class and respect. If you get it, write me with photo. Reply BT Box JY71C.

Hairy GWMs
That's the main physical attribute I look for. Aside from that I have a wide range of tastes. I don't care what's on your head as long as what's in it appreciates a quick, dry wit, culture, intelligence, monogamy, fun and a great sense of humor. I'm a GWM, 25, 5'9", 190#, a bit bearish, very laidback, masculine and hairy with a trim beard and crewcut (but without the clone mentality). I'm addicted to music (anything non-mainstream) and fanatical about films (non-Hollywood). I'm a non-militant vegetarian who abhors the gym but prefers hiking and biking for exercise. I don't smoke tobacco and rarely drink and ask that you do the same. So, if you're a great kisser, my age to 30something and share any or none of the above (hey, opposites do attract!) then give me a call. Call ★★8179.

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Scatbears Make Me Hard

Me: bearded, brn/grn, 5'7", 140#, lithe body, moderately furry, nice cock, in my 20s, good-looking. I wear my brown hanky on the left. I'm looking for a couple of good, dirty-minded, eager-to-please scatrogues and rimdogs. You: bearded, hairy biker trash, furry mountain man, or burly bear with an appetite. Other fur-bearing critters welcomed to respond. Must have a beard and be good-looking. Age unimportant. I'm looking for bottoms, not tops or mutuals. Extra points for good kissers. Write with a photo and we'll discuss fantasies and limits. Daddy and daddy's boy, verbal abuse, other scenes possible. Reply BT Box JY72C or call ★★8180.

Relationship!

Attractive, professional, HIV+, very healthy & high energy, comfortable, assertive GWM available to share an already fulfilling life. The passions of my life (thus far) are: my home as a sanctuary, a deeply satisfying career, loving and supportive friends and family, working out at the gym, experiencing comfort in both gregarious as well as alone situations, hiking, bargain hunting, flea markets, horseback riding, theater, travel, plants, quiet evenings at home enjoying thoughtfully prepared meals in a romantic and delightful atmosphere, and appreciating the sense of spirituality and joy of being a very positive HIV+ person who continues to deeply enjoy life. Physically, I'm 5'7" tall, 155 lbs., sparkling blue eyes, curly brown hair, moustache, dimples, and frequently smile as I realize that my 50 years on this planet have blessed me with a most youthful appearance, joy, health and wonderment. If you also take good care of your health and body, are emotionally stable, consider yourself physically attractive, intellectually challenge yourself, are not HIV+ phobic, are able to give as well as receive, wanting yet not needing me, and are interested in exploring the possibilities of a wonderful man such as myself in your life, call ★★8181.

Straight Male With Fantasy

SWM, 48, 5'10", 190, moustache, masculine, seeking 2 or more older cut males, HIV-, to humiliate me by taking photos of me on my knees as you use my mouth to get hard, then stop, jack-off and shoot your hot load on my face; maybe wash it off with golden shower. Invite lesbian friend to watch as further humiliation. Open to suggestions. Call ★★8182.

Massage—Palo Alto Area

Good-looking, mature guy, 6'2", 180, negative, will give you a great massage. Swedish style. Will consider exchange. Trained by the Body Center. Call ★★8183.

Convince Me

What's hot, sticky, wet and will drain the life out of you? No, not that! It's Washington, D.C., weather in the summertime! (Ugh!) This strikingly handsome, 30-something man will be in San Francisco for two weeks. I am 5'10", 130, HIV-, olive-skinned with dark hair/eyes, cleanshaven, very lean muscular ectomorph. Wants to meet attractive, healthy, in-shape (athletic) men who have a zest for life, are nonsmoking, no drugs, light drinkers, to explore and cultivate friendships. I like honesty, eating out, cooking, foreign sports cars, antiques, architecture, piano bars, jazz, baroque, romantic evenings, culture, yachting, Bugs Bunny, B&W films, ballet, art, gym, carrot juice, horticulture, cruising, Jockey underwear, hard pecs, showers, massage, safe sex. (Kinky?) Arrival date is Aug. 7. Don't miss it! Letter, photo? (returned) to: PO Box 57435, Washington, DC 20036. Convince me to relocate! A bientot! Call ★★8184.

Searching For Friend/Mate

I am seeking a GM, 36-46, HIV-, husky build who takes care of himself, who is serious about exploring a LTR. No mind games or macho BS. I need a man who is affectionate, reliable, sincere, and emotionally available, who is not afraid of the ups and downs of relationship building and is comfortable holding hands and kissing in public. Safer sex, ND, NS, employed a must. In return, you will find me independent, loyal, sincere, and loving and willing to do my part in building a friendship/LTR. I am an attractive, bilingual, GLM, 42, 5'4", 175#, HIV-, dark brown eyes/hair (balding), moustache, hairy husky build, employed graduate student, Catholic but not fanatic, gentle but focused on building a career balanced with a monogamous LTR. I enjoy different types of music, movies, walks along the beach, in the woods and an occasional baseball game. If the above resonates with you, let's have dinner. Reply BT Box JY73C or call ★★8185.

Big Potato Seeks Side Of Rice

This almost-chubby GWM, 42, already has plenty of friends, but seeks a long-term romantic relationship with a bright, outgoing, sometimes outspoken Asian to share fun, movies, beach time, cozy dinners, home life. I'm interesting, accomplished, active, affectionate, HIV-, and looking to settle down. You are 30ish, nonsmoker, slender, socially versatile, an occasional couch potato who loves music, good food and outdoor activities. SF only. No bananas or poodles, please. Self-confidence, a sense of humor are more important than beauty. Marriage is a possibility. To learn more, call ★★8186.

2 Looking For 3rd

Want to make a threesome? We do. Both of us are professionals (UC grads), GWM, HIV- and very clean. One of us is 34, 5'11", 160#, with very little sexual experience (but eager as heck). One of us is 43, 5'7", 190# stocky and eager to go along. If you are in your 20s or 30s and HIV- and would like to join us, then let's get together. Reply BT Box JY74C or call ★★8187.

Not Looking For Sex

26-yr-old, HIV+, masculine, Latin male seeks men of color (esp. Latin) who don't care that I'm positive or who are also positive. Good friendships are what I seek. If it leads to relationship, that's fine. I'm 6', 185 lbs., blk hair, grn eyes. I don't care if your body is not like Stallone's. I don't care how big your dick is. I enjoy any outdoor activity regardless of weather. I'm an avid A's fan. I don't care for most indoor activities (TV, shopping, movies). It took a lot of balls for me to place this ad, so I'm hoping you'll have enough balls to respond. Call ★★8188.

Foreign Gay

You can try to find out where I come from. I'm seeking an Asian or white man, 25-35 y.o. for a relationship. I'm 30 y.o., 5'9", 155 lbs. I'm not handsome, but I think I have other things you will perhaps appreciate. If you'd like some travel, we can perhaps make some trips together. I like to eat good food. Call ★★8189.

Looking For Mate/Wife

GBM, 36, 6'2", 187 lbs., HIV+, rebounding and reformatting from a 6 yr. relationship. I'm political, serious-minded, but I enjoy living life to its fullest extent. I enjoy deep conversations and doing sensible things. My best attributes: caring, honest, and very supportive of my mate. Drawback: I'm a grad student, I work, and I smoke. You: GWM, 21-30, nonpretentious, relationship-oriented, submissive, down-to-earth, and employed or employable. Call ★★8190.

Seeking Dominant Man

38 y.o., GWM, masculine, athletic, nice body. Into verbal abuse, fetishes, body worship. Seeks straight-acting, relationship-oriented, dominant man. You also must be good-looking. I live in East Bay but commuting is not a problem. No phone sex. Call ★★8191.

Gorgeous, Loving, Athletic, Latin/Caucasian

Is what I am! Stats: 5'8", 27, 150 lbs., very muscular, frequent gym-goer, HIV+ healthy, serious into maintaining a healthy diet/lifestyle, ND, NS, pot etc. Am looking for someone equally good-looking with at least a gym-toned to muscular physique. Interests: health, movies, animals, environment, travel, fidelity/monogamy, spirituality. P.S. I've done some modeling, am looking for someone similar in looks. Thanks! Call ★★8192.

It Should Be Simple

To meet a regular, natural type masculine, independent, monogamous, affectionate boyfriend with a sense of humor. I'm just that. Mid-40s, HIV-, 6'1", 195#, brn/brn, cleanshaven, and considered attractive. Emotionally, financially and professionally stable. Am interested in meeting quality GWM/GAM for dating with long-term relationship as the goal. Make it simple—just answer. Call ★★8193.

Asians Are Tops With Me

GWM, 34, 5'7", 185 lbs., (bald) br/br, seeks GAM, 18-35, for friendship & fun. I love to suck & be fucked but can be versatile if you wish. Let me service you at my place. Reply to Boxholder, PO Box 423856, SF 94142 or call ★★8194.

Slim 18-19 Wanted By GWM, 53

Really nice, friendly, professional, 53, wants slim, 18-19, who looks like a young high school student, any race, inexperienced OK. No HIV, smoking, alcohol, drugs. Share being kind, honest, caring, understanding, respectful and fun-loving. I've my own apartment, car, job. I can help with schoolwork, English, computers, life. Gentle, expert massage. Love the way you want. Write PO Box 22181, SF 94122.

Black Man Wanted

39 y.o. professional, masculine GWM, 5'8", 160 lbs., HIV-, seeks masculine GBM, 30-45, for friendship and possible LTR. My interests include tennis, working out, Macintosh computers, hiking, cooking, reading and spending quiet evenings at home with friends. I'm masculine, very discreet and in pretty good shape. I'm interested in meeting someone who is honest, sincere, educated and/or professional, HIV- and in reasonable shape. You don't have to share all my interests. Give me a call and let's get together. Call ★★8195.

Partner Material

My ambitious career is developing solidly; am also activist in gay and Asian communities; Chinese, late-20s, 5'8", 140#, HIV-, fit. Very's: out, giving, supportive, compassionate, humorous, tender, handsome, social. Passions: art and music, movies, friends, food, travel, work. I'm ready to meet someone special, but it's so difficult to find the right one. Among your traits: GWM or GAM, 25-35, HIV-, strong of mind and character, loving, expressive, opinionated, physically and mentally healthy, sexual, wants to explore and share, has own life path to converge with mine. I'm a catch, aren't you? Let's see what happens. Reply BT Box JY75C or call ★★8196.

Handsome Asian Seeks Relationship

I'm tired of looking for love in all those dark, smoky places. Are you? I'm a healthy, HIV+ Asian, late-20s, black hair, brown eyes, cute, in-shape, athletic. Consider self to be fun, good listener, and an intimate friend. Occasionally witty. Interests include sports, movies, music, reading, coffee, the gym. Like to watch TV or go out for sweaty dancing. You are an attractive, in-shape GWM with a good head (on shoulders), 25-40, HIV (?), whose personality and interests are same. Must be affectionate, romantic and fun. Call ★★8197.

No Hustlers Or Liars

If you are intimidated by someone who is successful, compassionate, honest, masculine, handsome and loving then stop reading. If you lack the self-confidence to communicate and to build toward a life-long relationship then please skip to the next ad. If you have all the personality of wet cardboard or do not have a clue as to who you are or what is really important in life then kindly buy a dog. And please, have a job. I am a mature, multi-degreed professional GWM living in the City, who is 5'10", 160#, gym-toned, HIV-, NS, ND, light drinker, with moustache and S/P hair. In August I will be 50. I enjoy travel and a broad spectrum of cultural pursuits. A fireplace, good music and a warm and loving man is a wonderful combination. I appreciate someone who knows the joys of cuddling after great sex. Please respond with photo (returned) to Boxholder, PO Box 190907, SF 94119.

Romantic & Sincere

Nice-looking, 50, GWM, HIV-, nonsmoker, 5'8", 160. I'm personable, successful, sensitive, kind, loving & fun. Enjoy theater, movies, dining out and long walks with the right guy. If you're a GWM, 32-47 & like who you are (hairy a+), must like to cuddle, be honest and know how to communicate, let's check out the chemistry. Call ★★8198.

T-Shirt, Blue Jeans, Baseball Cap, 4X4

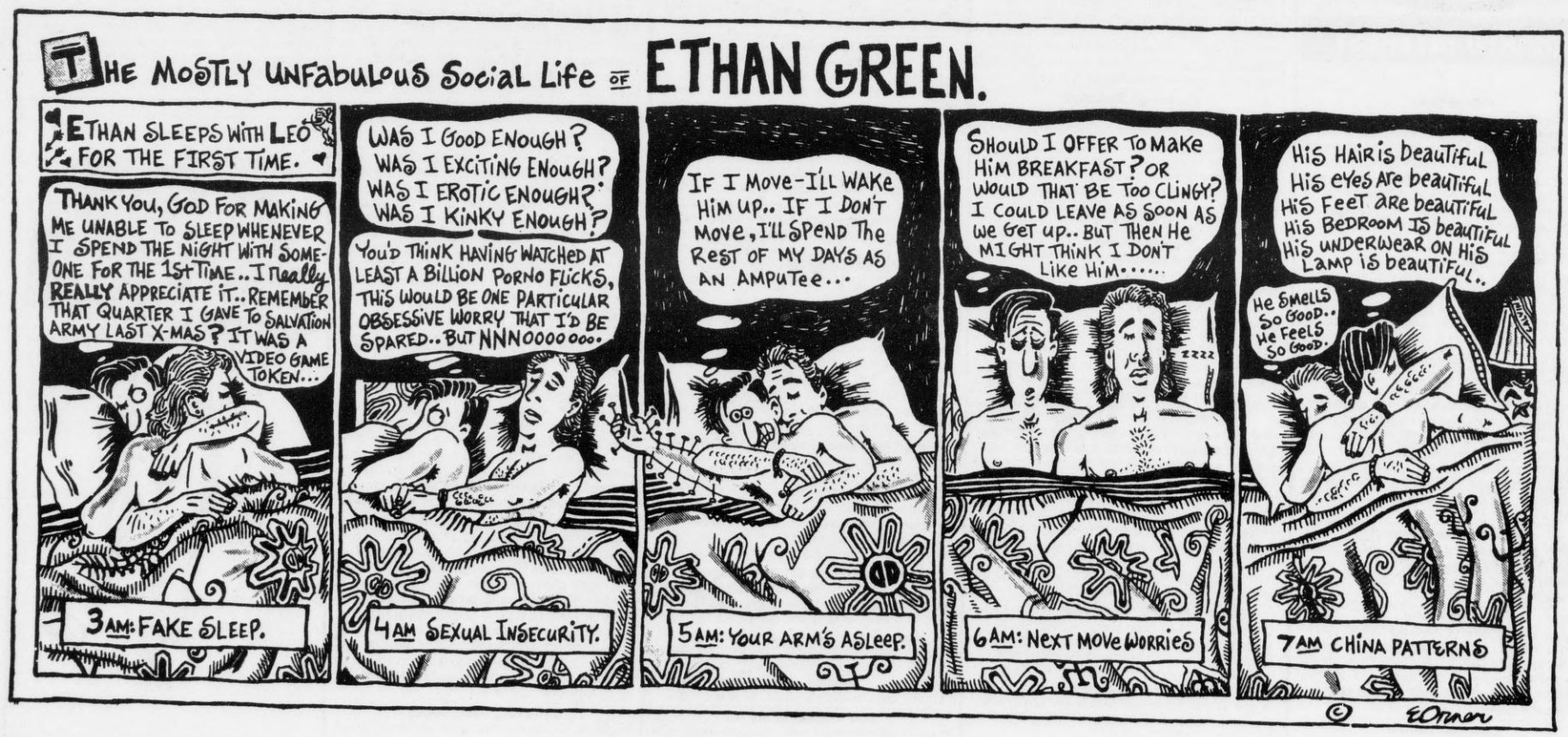
I'm just your basic guy-next-door type with above average looks and intelligence. I keep in shape by working out (3+ days a week), bicycling, hiking and snowboarding when in season. Stats: 28, 5'7", 150 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair. I'm looking for a clean-cut, masculine, nonsmoking, drug-free, HIV- guy (like myself) between the ages of 25-30. I'd prefer a college graduate or student who is career- and relationship-oriented. Please reply: Boxholder, PO Box 190271, SF 94119 (photo exchange requested). Thanks!

Marriage Material

I want a man like my jalapenos: more mature chronologically (probably), and who has enough spice to raise my temperature. GPM (Polish), attractive, 20s, 5'11", thin (quite), smooth chest (OK, there are 10 or 12), dark blond/blue-gray, HIV-, very sensual. Says my friend Brad: funny, unabashed, voracious, refined, epicure, warm. I enjoy the Scandinavian Deli, Siam Grill, travel (domestic so far, but the passport's on its way), energetic music (old or new—from the Charleston to "Always on My Mind," Pet Shop Boys version, to Tina, my goddess), and bargain-hunting. I'm seeking an out, responsible, emotionally-available SF GM, preferably smooth to medium, probably 24-34, definitely smart, non- or light-drinking and nonsmoking. Reply BT Box JY76C or call ★★8199.

31 Y.O. South Bay GWM Seeks U.S.-Born/Americanized GAM Soulmate For LTR

You're '65 born Virgo/Cancer or '60 born Virgo/Cancer/Pisces, 5'7"-5'11", 145-165 prop. We're honest, sincere, settled, romantic, independent,


THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN.
ETHAN SLEEPS WITH LEO FOR THE FIRST TIME.
THANK YOU, GOD FOR MAKING ME UNABLE TO SLEEP WHENEVER I SPEND THE NIGHT WITH SOMEONE FOR THE 1ST TIME.. I really REALLY APPRECIATE IT.. REMEMBER THAT QUARTER I GAVE TO SALVATION ARMY LAST X-MAS? IT WAS A VIDEO GAME TOKEN...
3AM: FAKE SLEEP.
WAS I GOOD ENOUGH? WAS I EXCITING ENOUGH? WAS I EROTIC ENOUGH? WAS I KINKY ENOUGH?
YOU'D THINK HAVING WATCHED AT LEAST A BILLION PORNO FLICKS, THIS WOULD BE ONE PARTICULAR OBSESSIVE WORRY THAT I'D BE SPARED.. BUT NNNOOOOOOO.
4AM SEXUAL INSECURITY.
IF I MOVE-I'LL WAKE HIM UP.. IF I DON'T MOVE, I'LL SPEND THE REST OF MY DAYS AS AN AMPUTEE...
5AM: YOUR ARM'S ASLEEP.
SHOULD I OFFER TO MAKE HIM BREAKFAST? OR WOULD THAT BE TOO CLINGY? I COULD LEAVE AS SOON AS WE GET UP.. BUT THEN HE MIGHT THINK I DON'T LIKE HIM.....
ZZZZ
6AM: NEXT MOVE WORRIES
HIS HAIR IS BEAUTIFUL HIS EYES ARE BEAUTIFUL HIS FEET ARE BEAUTIFUL HIS BEDROOM IS BEAUTIFUL HIS UNDERWEAR ON HIS LAMP IS BEAUTIFUL..
HE SMELLS SO GOOD.. HE FEELS SO GOOD.
7AM CHINA PATTERNS
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compassionate, magnetic, intuitive, self-assured, attractive, intelligent, professionals, out to family/friends. We have fire, zeal, passion, inner peace, tolerance. We enjoy theater, movies, cooking, entertaining, TM, astrology, biking, museums, Windham Hill. No smoking, drugs, leather, drag. Serious only please. Call ★★8200.

Tan, Dark & Handsome

That's me, a 31 y.o. HIV- professional GM, 5'7", a firm 140 lbs., and clean-cut. I'm looking for friendship, romance and more with an affectionate, handsome and playful man (rugged a+), who shares some of my interests including: scuba, snorkeling, sky diving, fitness, hiking, hand holding, Star Trek, Luis Miguel, Laguna Beach, and field trips to South Coast Plaza. Photo appreciated and will be returned. Reply BT Box JY77C or call ★★8201.

Cottage Built 4-2

My boss says I'm too emotional. But I'm just a sensitive cook. Her rich old lady friends think she's lucky to have such a tall, dark and handsome domestic. At 80, she embraces my healthy HIV-. At 37, I'm still the lucky mischievous child I've always been. My boyfriends have always been real cute and a little younger and I'm sure the next one will be too. Call ★★8202.

Aerosmith

I've got two tix to see Aerosmith on 8/6 at Shoreline and want to find someone to go with. My teenage years were in the '70s and I loved rock 'n roll then, and love it now that I'm in my mid-30s. I am a GWM, 6'3", 190 lbs., looking for someone my age or younger for the concert, and perhaps to be friends with. Call if you're interested. Call ★★8203.

Passive Lifemate Sought By Dominant

Hispanic. Me: monogamous, European, opinionated, robustly witty, nonconforming, 55, emotionally vibrant, Bohemian, substantial. You: any age, size, guise. Domicile-oriented. Head-giver. Unjaded, unprocessed, and gentle (femme, delicate OK); preferably cultured overseas, or at least not in the Golden State. No trite or raffish responses, please. SASE appreciated. El Jefe, PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

Just Friends

Lost my lover and am looking for friendships/companions to go out doing things together. No sex foreseen—just do things, go places and have fun. Walk, hike, beach, movies, street fairs, concerts, plays, leather events, all the things that make life good. Share/care. Live in SF but good things happen anywhere people enjoy each other. 41 yrs. old, 5'8", 145#, I like real people. PO Box 420927, SF 94142 or call ★★8204.

Summer Affair

Looking for someone to date. I enjoy the usual things: dining out, movies, travel, working out, quiet times. Also looking for someone to kiss, touch and have hot sex with. I'm attractive GWM, 6'1", 185, muscular, br/bl, moustache, HIV-, sexually versatile. If this sounds good to you and you're 35-45, in good shape, HIV-, then let's get together and see what develops. Call ★★8205.

I Want A Boyfriend!

Cal 5th year GWM, 22, seeks compatible mate. I want a stable relationship to balance the rest of my life. Please be smart-as-hell, young in body but older in mind, don't be planning to leave the Bay Area in the next couple of years and be politically aware—let's lend our strength to the struggle together. Will be yours as long as you'll have me, especially if you understand what I mean when I tell you I look like a Young Republican and know it's the drag queen in me that likes to dress that way. Please be a sex radical; life's too short not to be honest with yourself and what your heart and cock desire. I'd love to explore and experiment with your wildest fantasies (and have you explore mine, of course) within the context of a stable relationship. I'm not saying that I'm non-monogamous, I'm saying I want a radically democratic and honestly chosen commitment. I'm not saying I'm monogamous, either. Plus if you're into women, at least to a degree (I have this thing about lesbians; too bad they don't have it about me—most of the time). Be working on your sexism. I'm not okay with being treated the way this culture tells men to treat women—nor am I okay with a relationship with a person who doesn't call me on it when I treat someone that way. Above all, be emotionally available. I'm ready for "it," you should be too. Call ★★8206.

Black And White

Is a great color combination. GWM, a definite daddy type, mature, sophisticated, handsome, funny, caring, 6', 160 lbs., 30" waist, s/p hair & beard, knows that somewhere out there is a GBM for me. He's bright, funny, informed, under 35, slim, articulate, preferably NS & HIV-. That's not asking too much, is it? We just haven't met yet because we're not Pendulum predators! Call ★★8207.

Haight Street Punks

Wanted by GWM, 39, 200#, 6'3", for a good time. Attracted by punk types, shaved heads, bald, leather, piercing. Sexually open to almost anything—especially a good time. Call ★★8208.

Seeking Positive Friend/Soulmate

GWM, 31, handsome, masculine, versatile, bottom, HIV+, 5'10", brown/brown, cleanshaven, professional, seeks similar 30-50 y.o., 5'11" and up, preferably dark hair, who is sincere, honest, able to communicate and express feelings and emotions, not afraid to be himself, is relationship-oriented and knows what he wants. To explore, have adventures, and have fun as we experience life together. Call ★★8209.

Alternative Alert

Under 35 fine cute QWB slimtone skinhead with green eyes desires shared experience with genuinely cute masculine brown-eyed white or Latin boy, skinny to husky. Not into Castro queens clones, fashion, therapy, psychos or extremes. Just wanna work, learn and glide time with another unpretentious stable groomed but ruffled laidback guy with some values and a brain. Open to personal choice of stimulation outside drinking or smoking, am passionate, shy, sensual, into art, music, movement, ritual, squeaky clean skin, nice teeth, hands, feet, non-private part piercings, and tattoos on any part. I cannot be the only alternate with a real job and life. What'd I leave out? Friendship, perhaps relationship, written responses favored, promise return of photo if sent. Reply BT Box JY78C or call ★★8210.

Romantic

Attractive interior designer w/blue eyes, long dark blond hair, toned 6', 150 lb. body and dry sense of humor, seeks a passionate, romantic relationship with a creative, intelligent, sensual man who shares my interests in art, movies, books, politics, tennis and good food and conversation with friends. Call ★★8211.

GWM Seeking GAM

Very good-looking, intelligent, well-educated and successful GWM, 26, 140, 5'10", seeks well educated, successful GAM between 22 and 30. Call ★★8212.

Kind GWM Seeks Sincere Asian

Me: professional, 53, 5'10", 175 lbs., shy, honest, sincere, nonsmoker, many cultural interests, HIV-, seeks slim Asian, 25-40, for serious relationship; average looks; like to cook, good listener. Send letter and photo; will return. I live East Bay. Prefer Thai, Filipino, Cambodian, Laotian. Reply BT Box JY79C or call ★★8213.

All The Man That I Need

Seeking real thing. No substitution, attitude. GAM, 24, 5'9", 157 lbs., collegiate, HIV-, too sexy, seeks GWM under 45 to develop a serious long-term relationship. Call ★★8214.

Save Sex

Me: Masculine BGM, 30, articulate, toned, alcohol-, tobacco- and drug-free. I'm told that I am handsome. You: GM (queer), under 40, articulate, toned, NS, ND, self-sufficient emotionally and financially. Us: After working on our lives we're now ready to share with like-minded pilgrims. I roll off you and we discuss the latest technology, leftist politics, '90s rock, baseball and motorcycles. Open or monogamous with mutual understanding. Call ★★8215.

If You Are Serious

about forming a monogamous life partnership/best friendship, and are not a gym addict, narcissist or egotist, read on. I'm looking for someone with time to invest (no multiple memberships, friendships or heavily scheduled lifestyle) and the capacity for love, generosity and caring. GWM, 45, 5'11", 160, brn eyes, brn-gray hair/bldg, masculine, very hairy, healthy, cleanshaven, well-groomed, stable, adventurous, pleasant personality. Enjoy country music, travel, outdoors, movies, reading, hobbies. We share: good values, no addictions, height/weight proportional, good sense of humor, calm/unpretentious personality, quiet/non-urban lifestyle. Please include return address with response. JN, PO Box 4654, Foster City 94404.

33 y.o., 5'9", 170 lbs. Seeking daddy over 60 y.o. Heavy plus. Write PO Box 14434, Fremont 94539 or call ★★8216.

Gilligan Seeking Skipper

Oakland phallic worship & jerk-off obsession. Ritualistic dirty talk, J/O, mutual only with masculine aggressive GWM while partying/drinking/smoking (share costs); seeking other buddies. Not into shaved, videos, couples. Age, looks, size unimportant. What's important: (1) buddy-to-buddy scene (no top/bottom); (2) devotion to Priapus; (3) late night (10 pm); (4) my place only. Call ★★8217.

Rectal Exam

Bend over! Show that hole! Mature, hairy, balding GWM gives savvy, safe, sexy, slippery ass exam. You J/O for the doctor. Your balls gently tugged, your prostate exquisitely massaged. Spanking is available; other safe, mutually desired kink considered. Submissive males preferred but all encouraged to respond. Yours: excitement, relief, orgasm. Write explicit note to PO Box 151, Alameda 94501 or call ★★8218.

Wanted: A Special Top Partner

Stable, masculine, formerly married basically straight world-identified GWM real dad has worked through gay issues and found himself a very blissful bottom in the bedroom with some catching up to do. I'm a GWM, 5'10", 158, young, fit, smooth, fair 51, HIV-, nonsmoker/user, open-minded and active with many interests. You are grounded, reasonably fit, HIV-, NS and all top. Call ★★8219.

2 Dads/1 Son

You two: serious only, loving and caring, over 30, trim, beach- and mountain-going, Sundays a+, butch yet romantic. Versatile OK. SF area only. And then: 26 y.o., deep blue eyes, love kissing and receiving lots of attention, smooth swimmer's body, 5'7", hard-working, more attention. Hung, muscle butt, horny; caring and loving. Call ★★8220.

Sexy Intellectual

Very handsome, incredible hard body, masculine, cleanshaven, Irish/Italian, 34, 5'10", 160. Into nonfiction, languages, knowing why and wild sex. If you're a top who's either incredibly sexy or an Atlantic subscriber, waste no time—reply BT Box JY80C with photo (returned) or call ★★8221.

Is There Somebody Real Out There?

I'm attractive but not a Greek God, well-exercised but not flawless, health-conscious but not totally pure, NS/ND, but potential chocoholic, open-minded with broad interests but sometimes resistant to change, growth-oriented but sometimes slow, emotionally available but shy and preoccupied at times, and looking for a special "real" man but batting zero. I'm a GWM, a youthful 50, 5'11", 160, brown/fair/smooth, very physical, sensuous and generally bottom. We are both HIV- professionals with a lot going for us and you are under 55. Tell me about the real you. Reply BT Box JY81C.

Good-Looking! First Class! All-American!

GWM, 43 years young, seeks same: good-looking/handsome GWM, any years young, into fun/friendship/maybe even romance! Are you new in SF or Bay Area? I can be your escort & show you the best bars, baths, beaches, etc. Everything, everywhere! Write Box 1001, 633 Post St., SF 94109 (please send photo, will return) or call ★★8222.

What You See Is What You Get

Open, honest, GWM, 34, 6'1", 185#, brn/blue, trim beard, avg build, good shape, avg looks. I'm basically non-mainstream, don't have an array of past lovers, like the City, prefer suburbia (live in central Contra Costa County). Enjoy coastal weekends, gym workouts, rollerblading, animals (2 & 4-legged), and a good sense of humor. If your eyebrow raised a little after reading this and you're masculine, around my height or taller, in good shape, and like the person you are, I'd like to hear from you... soon! Call ★★8223.

Desiring Handsome Companions

Very attractive Asian-American man, early 30s, well-proportioned, in great shape, educated, attached, seeks warm companionship/friendship with other clean, nonsmoking, fit, handsome men, around the same age, perhaps similarly situated, who might enjoy pleasant diversions, immersed in profound discourse, cafe evenings, hikes, sports (tennis), walks, hugs and possibly more. Left of center politics, environmental and social awareness strongly preferred. Write about yourself with photo. Reply BT Box JY82C or call ★★8224.

Beefy, Musc., Big Pec Buddy Wanted

This good-looking, beefy, musc., 37-yr-old WM with big muscular legs and a nice big round musc. bubble butt enjoys sucking on nipples of big pec men. Shove those hard pecs in my face and let me suck those hard nipples. Call ★★8225.

Is There A "Mr. Right" Out There?

GWM, 41, 5'10", 175#, blk/hazel eyes, good-looking, HIV-, with different interests like movies, dancing, music (country-western), good conversation over dinner, the outdoors, swimming, tennis, and bike riding. Seeking an attractive, positive, sincere, humorous man (30-45 yrs. old), HIV-, educated, (tall a plus!) to spend "quality" time together for "special" friendship and "relationship" if the chemistry is "right!" East Bay preferred, but not essential, however. Call ★★8226.

Looking To Meet

Mr. Right for LTR. You should be HIV+, healthy, good sense of humor, masculine. Blonds, Latins a plus. Ht, wt proportionate, 33 to 40 y.o., top. Smoke-, drug-free, light alcohol OK. Me: br/br, 6', 170 lbs., 40, HIV+, versatile bottom, healthy, good-looking, honest, good sense of humor, who enjoys life, movies, theater, walks—and affection, kissing and long hot lovemaking. Call ★★8227.

Commitment Sans Monogamy?

I want to connect with a chubby, middle-aged QAM or QLM: we go cruising, have safe but sleazy group semi-public sex, then go home, repeat privately. English-Irish lunatic artist, 56, cum-, foreskin-lover, exhibitionist (big dick), sleazy, obsessive; but drug-free, NS, test neg. Prefer Japanese, Korean heritage; but all dark, balding, short guys with small uncut dicks welcome. Write, filthy pic: PO Box 5241, Berkeley 94705.

Black Male Wanted

By attractive GWM, 5'8", blond, HIV-. We are both physically fit, romantic and under 35. You: top. Me: btm. I am looking for friendship, wonderful sex and more. Call ★★8228.

Lucky You

Found my ad. Tall, white and x-handsome. 25, blue eyes, brown flat-top, lean, hard body, masc. and straight-acting, clean-cut, military-looking. Boots, baseball hat, blue jeans and a 4x4 seeking white Mid- to South Peninsula boys (and men) who are hot, horny, healthy, happy & handsome. I'm mostly a top, but would be just as happy with a J/O or suck buddy. Call ★★8229.

Saving All My Love For...

You. I am a GAM, 5'8", 141#, 29 y.o., HIV-, NS, ND, strikingly handsome, with good sense of humor, hot hard body, and best quality of boyfriend materials. Seeks a naturally 100% masculine GWM, HIV-, under 40, tall, handsome, romantic, humorous and in great shape. If you look forward to sharing your life with one significant other as much as I do, let's start with letter and photo exchange. PO Box 59-0953, SF 94159-0953 or call ★★8230.

At 37, 6', 170, I'm HIV-, healthy/happy, have most everything I want, feel good, look good, and taste good (8"). I'm attracted to men who are younger (late-20s, early-30s), sexy, cleanshaven, somewhat wild, and provocatively independent. I'm happily single but husband material is welcome. My ultimate goal is a cute, fun, cocktailing kinda boyfriend with a big dick and a great sense of humor. Good luck to me! Call ★★8231.

Closeted, Confused And Proud

Conservative by nature, radical by circumstance. Are you adorable, short, smart and somewhat absurd? Let's hang out in North Beach and talk assimilation. PO Box 60931, Palo Alto 94306-0931 or call ★★8232.

Attention: Gay Smart Shoppers!

GWM, 38. I'm hairy, husky, balding, with moustache, 5'10", 190 lbs., brown hair & eyes. Looking for guy 20 to 30, with attractive, boyish looks for a possible relationship. I enjoy bicycling, nature, films, sci fi & trips. I'm into safe versatile sex & don't care for bars. I would like a guy who likes romance & is looking for a possible relationship. Call ★★8233.

If You Like To Watch, Be Watched

Maybe make a video of each other. Me: 39 y.o. short guy, 5'5", in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice dick. You are any age, healthy, hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★8234.

Get Real

Is everybody really honest? Is everybody super attractive, in perfect shape, and well-hung? I can't believe we are all this perfect. It's great if you are, but I'm not. I'm a little overweight, a little out of shape, and small-endowed. I do have a charming personality, a sweet cute face, 32, 5'10", 170. Brn/hzl, great sense of humor, very loving, monogamous. I need love too. Call ★★8235.

Wanted: One Good Man

Professional GWM, 36, 6 ft., 175 lbs., br/br, handsome, secure, sincere, good-natured, comfortable with self, with strong family values. I like good conversation, movies, music, bicycling, reading, cooking, entertaining friends at home, quiet evenings at home, and going out on the town. I'm a light drinker, NS, HIV-. Looking for someone special to share my life. You should be GWM professional under 40, comfortable with self and have similar interests for friendship and/or possible long-term relationship. Call ★★8236.

South Bay Guys

This 21-yr-old Francophone Asian, 5'10", 150 lbs., good-looking, HIV-, mature, great personality & fun, is in search of friends/dance partners (and perhaps more) in the South Bay (Palo Alto area a+). You are sincere, cute, in-shape, GWM, between 18-29, HIV-, smooth & wild (love to party), but can be serious. Our interests are similar or not, we'll see. Je vous attends. Call ★★8237.

Yes—It's Fatal

A good friend says the Bay Area gay life is fatal. I agree. I've met many; most are airheads, dopers, daily gym-goers. I'm a super-nice, well-mannered, healthy, hopeless romantic, Scorpio, 6'2", 225, blond hair, blue-eyed, butt-pumper, seeking an above-average, employed, healthy guy who returns phone calls and who knows the difference between a cold, self-centered man and a together, sweet, loving man. Call ★★8238.

Ready To Date

Warm, attractive GWM, 27, 6', 175, Midwest transplant with gray eyes seeks young, together, attractive male. Likes: sunny Saturdays, foggy Sundays, k.d. lang, honey-glazed prawns, Fran Leibowitz, ballet from *West Side Story*, Castro Theatre audiences, Movieline, endless lovemaking, hikes, Pet Shop Boys, sea-foam green, movies, movies, movies. Described as "wholesome" looking (heh, heh), and am greater than the sum of my body parts, nice as they are! Reply BT Box JY83C or call ★★8239.

Help!

My lover just can't keep me satisfied! Can you help? 2 or 3 (or more?) ways possible with this cute, friendly guy. I'm 31, 6', 175. You be around same age (minus 5, plus 10 years) and not too small or too large. My mouth is hungry for your kisses, nipples, thighs, balls... so call me now! Call ★★8240.

Very Attractive GWM

38, 135 lbs., 5'8", very fit, hirsute, 31" waist, med. hazel eyes, light brown hair, NS, social drinker, seeks intellectual, sex-loving, easy on the eyes, non-obese, mature, 35-55, NS, GWM for friendship. Prefer SF but otherwise must be right off BART or you love to drive everywhere & take me home & live very close to SF. Honest, caring & sincere only please. Reply BT Box JY84C or call ★★8241.

Best Of Both Worlds

Arrogant, loyal, loving, good-looking, 6'1", brn/grn, GWM, 40, seeks younger w/dual personality. You are brilliant, smooth, sexy and funny. One of you is submissive, likes role-playing, occasional spanking...? —cuddling. The other is confident, motivated, equal partner. We are both romantic, monogamous, caring, ambitious. Films, friends, dinners, parties and whatever else we discover. Not into bar scene. Melt my heart forever. Call ★★8242.

Asian Impossible?

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Attractive and masculine Boston Black male, visits San Francisco frequently, is searching for a gay or bi white or Asian male interested in joining me for hot mutual J/O action on my business trips to your city. I'm a discreet, young-looking, 48-year-old J/O buddy who'd appreciate hearing from you. Your photo gets one of me. Write to: B.H., PO Box 8723, Boston, MA 02114-0037.

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Masculine, sexy man with blue-green eyes, short dark hair, hairy body, moustache, 6'7", husky 250, 30 yrs. old in August, great shape, very hung, very loving and giving, sensitive and sincere. Outgoing and intelligent professional—wants to meet a handsome husky man with good values and a sense of humor. You won't be disappointed. I'm a hot man that you will be proud to call your other half. Call ★★8247.

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Serious Dating

GWM, 33, 5'5", 130#. Interested in creating a long-term relationship. Not sure how to do that but willing to get to know some people to try. I have long hair, earrings, DM's, tie-die, goatee, hairy chest. I love to make films, socialize, drink coffee. You: around my age, slim, interested in exploration, learning to relate and monogamy. Your photo gets mine. Photo returned upon request. Reply BT Box JY85C or call ★★8249.

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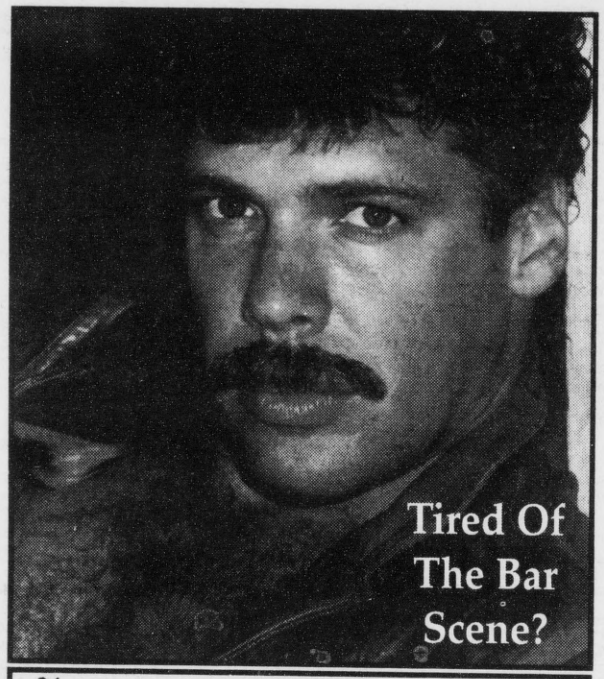

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BERKELEY, MORAL SUPPORT FOR THE INEXPERIENCED. GWM 6'2", 185#, gdlkg male, very interested in someone able to take time with someone inexperienced, take it slow & teach me a few things. ☎1731

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SF, HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN? GWM 25, 5'9", 155#, dark blonde/Hzl, goatee, looking for a dark skinned man. Leave a message. ☎4996

ROOMMATE SAYS I LOOK LIKE A THUG! I don't know about that. GM 32, look 25, Br/Br, 5'7", 145#, goatee, contacts sometimes glasses, got all sorts of different interests. Sk someone with different interests, short, btm, Latino. ☎2304

SAN JOSE MAYBE WE CAN WRESTLE AROUND A BIT! Looking for some jocks to play around with. GM 5'9", clean-shaven, good-looking. Enough talk, let's crunch! ☎2662

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Traveling Houseboy
Adventurous & distinguished South Bay GWM, red-blond, blue eyes, 6'2", late-30s, seeks young, average to good-looking, sexually versatile young gay male, 18-23, as live-in traveling companion. Background unimportant. Prefer one who is HIV-, but will consider one who is HIV+. This is not an offer of financial support. Send letter and photo to PO Box 26252, San Jose 95159-6252.

Looking For A Prince
I've kissed a lot of handsome toads; now I'm looking for a prince. I'm 42, 6', 180 lbs., HIV-, brown hair and eyes that change color from time to time. I love books, cats, hiking, cooking, travel and long walks over the hills in a bracing wind. If you're 35-45 (more or less), have lots of interests, and want a prince to share your throne, call ★★8253.

Husky-Hot-Horny
GWM, good-looking, healthy, seeks daytime recreational sex, 270+ lbs., 6'1", late-40s, 46" waist, like all ages, races and sizes! Love sitting around naked watching porno—very oral, will experiment, WS. Write and let's get naked as soon as we meet and see what comes up! PO Box 31754, SF 94131.

3-Way Sex Adventure
2 hot, masculine studs, 29, 6'5", 195 lbs., brn/grn and 35, 6', 170 lbs., brn/grn, seek athletic, uninhibited sex from horny young guys, 20-35. No commitments, just lots of cum-squirting sex! Send photo, number to PO Box 606, Redwood City 94064.

Very Handsome Mexican Seeks Caucasian Yuppie!
Being yuppie isn't a prerequisite, I just think they're sexy. Anyway... this 22, 5'11", blk/brn, smooth and slim GM WLTM GHM who's straight-acting, very attractive, over 5'9", in-shape, honest, relationship-minded, under 36, somewhat aggressive, Giants fan, with a full head of hair, positive outlook, and great smile. I believe in physical attraction, commitment, love and dreams that can someday come true. My turn-ons include trucks, baseball hats and Will Clark. Give me a call and let's try to turn forever into a reality... Cool! Call ★★8254.

Handsome And Manly
5'10", 170#, 30, br/grn, short beard, smooth, fit, educated, musical, affectionate, gutsy, honest, open, communicative, gentle, trustworthy, caring and lovable, with sense of humor and marvelous friends, looking for another man to spend some enjoyable time with. Open to seeing a relationship develop gently. Looking for good-looking GWM with facial hair, reasonable weight, nonsmoker, 30-50, with same personal values. Prefer (not require) blond, hairy. Interests: science, music, personal growth, CW, reading, outdoors, fun and peace. Russian River area. Call ★★8255.

Interested In Intimacy?
GWM, 165#, 6', br/bl, HIV-, moustache, early-40s, professional, stable, sexually versatile, good sense of humor, seeks young to middle-aged man capable of intimacy/honesty. Varied interests: intellectual, cultural, quiet evenings at home, outdoors, travel, fiction, fun times and good sex. You: nonsmoker, HIV-, affectionate, positive energy, nice/good-looking, no specific stereotype. Let's talk if the timing is right for you. Reply BT Box JY87C or call ★★8256.

Bikinis, G-Strings, Thongs
I live to wear my bikini. I need friends who can appreciate and share my passon for skimpy swimsuits. Come with me. Let's enjoy the thrill of the scantiest bikinis and tan lines. Let me share my collection with you. I hope you have a collection to share with me too. SWM, 35, 6'2", 165, long hair, beard. Let's go to the beach, lake, river or pool and catch a few rays. Call ★★8257.

East Bay Latino
Late-30s Latin man looking for relationship. I'm 5'6", 150 lbs., HIV-, stable, masculine, attractive, intelligent, outgoing and very affectionate. I enjoy gardening, movies, dining out, traveling and good conversation. I'm looking for someone w/similar interests; race not important. Please call ★★8258.

HIV+ Latin Top Needed
Prefer Capricorn, Virgo or Scorpio; moustache, husky or chunky, tattoos, uncut, mota are a+ with me. I'm a 31-yr-old white boy, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, hairy chest and legs, 185 lbs. or cudlemonster. Call ★★8259.

A Need To Explore And Enjoy
Very good-looking, masculine, intelligent, clean-cut Asian, 20s, HIV-, with very nice smooth sexy exercised body and insatiable sexual appetite, looking for attractive men of any type/race to explore creative/leather and kinky sexual fantasies: gentle and rough, verbal, CBT, BD, domination/submission, spanking, gags, toys, WS and/or ? Couples or singles. Prefer ongoing mutually satisfying relationship. Let's have fun. Call ★★8260.

Seeking Sexual "9"
46 y.o. GWM, 5'8", 155, brn, blu, negative, sexual "3" seeks negative sexual "9" who has done some personal growth work for dating and exploring the possibilities. Spirituality, psychology, play and freedom from chemicals are important. Midwestern values. Call ★★8261.

Toi Et Moi
Seeking a cerebral, sagacious, gentle and warm-hearted European Jew with a penchant for literary and film analysis. A passion for witticisms and badinage highly desirable. We aspire for mutual nourishment. This 40-year-old polyglot punster awaits your call. Call ★★8262.

Looking For Something More?
GWM, 30s, 5'10", 170 lbs., brn hair, blue eyes, HIV-, seeks GAM for meaningful relationship. I like music, film, theater, travel and sharing fun experiences. Also like reading, languages, and literature. Want more than just a fling. I'm looking for deep friendship. NS, ND, please. Reply BT Box JY88C or call ★★8263.

Can We Compliment Each Other?
I'm a very handsome GWM, cultural Jewish, 5'6", 170#, 33 yrs. old, nice body (and improving). I am emotionally open and honest, sweet, gentle and kind. I'm passionate, affectionate, sexy, versatile to bottom, and very safe. I'm a strong person who doesn't mind shedding tears. I enjoy my lovely home in the E. Bay (Hercules). I've a close and special relationship with my family. Experienced with relationships. Active socially, politically progressive. I'm HIV+, healthy; you should be comfortable with this. I'm looking for a self-aware, handsome GM. I especially appreciate African-American or Latino gay men. Someone who I feel some equivalence to—emotionally, physically and intellectually. Who's financially stable and politically/socially liberal. But mainly a kind and honest person. These are requests, not requirements. Let's get to know each other and see what happens. Call ★★8264.

Painless Leather
If you like leather but are afraid of the S/M connotations—read on! Leather daddy, late-40s, s/p hair, trim beard, 6', 160 lbs., slim, seeks leather boy, also slim, under 30 or so yrs. You should be willing to experiment & be curious about all aspects of leather, but not into pain (I'm not). I'm just a dad looking for a boy to love and have fun with—a little light bondage (maybe) and some adventures and lots of TLC. 69, J/O. Call ★★8265.

Renaissance Bear Seeks Mate
Stocky, bearded, handsome GWM (40, 5'9", 175, br/br, HIV+, pierced) writer, quietly masculine, down-to-earth, looking for clean/sober, intelligent companion (furry, bearded, NS), alive to the world's possibilities. Shared interests may include film, literature, art, music (classical, jazz), history, Europhile, psychology, travel, culinary pleasures, computer literate, city and country pastimes. I also enjoy hiking, swimming, cuddling, occasional rough stuff. Civic-minded a plus. Call ★★8266.

Are You Ready?
Just a regular, relaxed, upbeat, attractive, young-looking, 54-year-old, GWM, 5'10", 190 lbs., brn/gray hair, hairy bod, stocky (got a belly!), HIV-, cleanshaven, seeking date, possible LTR, with nice guy, any race, NS, ND, who is tired of being alone too! Love affection and being affectionate—you too? Reply BT Box JY89C or call ★★8267.

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So, Give A Call Already!
Warm, spirited, intelligent, cute, physically fit, Jewish WM, 37, 5'6", 140 lbs., HIV-, br/bl, seeks an HIV-, self-aware, warm, evolved mensch with intelligence and chutzpah for sharing, laughing, touch and togetherness. Call ★★8269.

Intelligent And Handsome
Intelligent, curious, enthusiastic, humorous, sensitive, open, masculine, physically fit GWM, 30, facial hair, seeks similar guy for non-commital date, good conversation and (much) more if we're compatible. I'm 6', 180#, Anglo-Irish looks, HIV-. Photo a plus; intelligence, sensitivity and romance a must. Reply BT Box JY90C or call ★★8270.

Young Couple Seeks Same
Two plus two equals more! Our relationship is very important to us and now we're looking for something more. Are you a young, attractive, committed and loving couple, as we are? He: 24 yrs. old, white grad student. the other he: 25 yrs. old, Asian professional. We enjoy movies, the beach and long walks exploring the City. We're looking for another couple for friendship, fun, weekend trips and perhaps more. We think you've figured out what "more" means! Reply BT Box JY91C.

Grateful To Be Gay
All grown up—so are the kids, out to everybody, successful career, wine country lifestyle. GWM, mid-40s, 6'1", 205#, br/bl, NS/ND, HIV-, handsome, hirsute, healthy, honest. Seeking my equal: a life partner, around 38-50, with power, presence, position and peace. Let's meet at this crossroads and travel life together as friend and lover, falling asleep in each other's arms. Rejection letters to smokers, pet-tenders, closet cases, men-in-therapy. Double coupons for uncut hunks in 501s, Virgos/Taureans, insatiable cuddlers, Tantrikas, young grandfathers, Europeans. Write with photo, PO Box 4307, Napa 94558 or call ★★8271.

Do You Wanna Settle Down With A Man Over 45?
Tall GWM, late-40s, slim, hairy chest, balding, cleanshaven, seeks slim, fresh-faced, HIV-, monogamous nonsmoker between 21-40, whose goal is linking permanently with an older guy. Call ★★8272.

Sex And More
I'd like for sure, but hot sex is always good. Let's start there and see where it goes. I'm 5'9", 165, brown/blue, moustached, 48, healthy, and extra well-hung. Also bright, humorous, conversational. Theater, politics, books, the world, nature, are interests. I like hot oral action, full body contact, manly encounter. I prefer but don't require men darker, hairy, younger. (Men of color are fine.) Passion. Action. Call ★★8273.

Brat Needs Spanking
Looking for GWM, 28-45, to put me over his knee and teach me a lesson. I'm 27, 6 ft., bl/gr, GWM, and a brat in need of a trip to the woodshed for some old-fashioned corporal punishment. If you're strict, masculine and enjoy thoroughly reddening a young man's ass with hands, belt or paddle, give me a call. Role play or straight no-nonsense spanking equally okay. Reply BT Box JY92C or call ★★8274.

You Hairy?
Good-looking GWM, late-40s, HIV-, br/bl, trim beard, 5'10", 165#, NS/ND, medium hairy body, uncut. Looks good in western or leather look. Educated, well-traveled, stable, non-religious. Looking for very hairy man who is slim to medium build. If interested, write PO Box 640696, SF 94164-0696.

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Spirit reincarnated in a GWM, late-40s, good shape, runner, aerobicized, 5'7", 150#, s/p, balding, 'stache, light doper, NS, ND, great kisser/cuddler, HIV-, cut, addicted to getting his dick sucked, chewed, licked in and out of 501s, is looking for a mature spirit with similar interest, with facial hair, good shape, aggressive hungry bottom looking for his soulmate to advance consciousness in a life relationship. Reply BT Box JY93C or call ★★8275.

Hot Daddy Bottom
Hedonistic WM, fit 57, 5'11", 170#, s&p beard, tribal tatts, CB&T piercings, slit dick, hypersensual, terrific deep throat, HIV- (SS OK), into all scenes, seeks hog topman. S/M, FF, CBT, TT, WS, VA, caths, sounds, electro, piercing, enigma, B&D, whips, dildoes, infusions (big sack!), you name it, your limits, any/all above listed. Prefer 40+, any stats. Top couples, group scenes, welcome. Can host, can travel. Call ★★8276.

Serious, Romantic Relationship
My idea of a relationship is one based on shared values, honesty, sensitivity, mutual attraction and a sense of humor. I'm 45, 5'7", slim, Jewish, an artist and HIV-. My interests include creative work of all kinds, reading, travel, films, long walks and good conversation. Intelligence and sensitivity are real turn-ons for me. If this sounds interesting to you and you are around my age, perhaps we could meet for coffee and see what happens. Call ★★8277.

Educated Asian
South Bay GAM, 29, 5'8", slim, college graduate, professional, NS, ND. Likes arts, antiques, classical music, beaches. Seeks intelligent, stable GWM, 29-45, for long-term monogamous relationship, friendship first. Call ★★8278.

Slut Looking For Slut For Possible Monogamy
If you can admit it, read on... You: under 35, good-looking a must, trim, clean-cut, very open-minded, outgoing, fun, no moustache, like to dance, sunsets, romantic evenings and after-hours parties. Me: same as above, 6 ft., slim sexy body, very handsome, Portuguese-Italian, wild at heart, spontaneous, smart, black hair, brown eyes, cleanshaven, professional, well-bred, sensual, seductive. Call ★★8279.

Atlanta Pen Friend Anyone?
GWM, down-to-earth, straight-acting/sounding, nonsmoker, non-alcoholic, not a "partier." Avoids stereotypical lifestyle. Not into wearing banners, flags, tinkles or radical "queer" movements. I'm just myself. Interests include sci fi (Star Trek), comedy, editorial writing, general conversation. Seeking pen pal type friendship(s) from those seriously interested in one. PO Box 191102, Atlanta, GA 31119-1102. Get out that pen! Or call ★★8280.

Ideal Man—Over 50
Perfect companion (sex, warmth, respect & challenge) retired architect, 58, 6', 185 lbs., dk hair & eyes, HIV-, French desc., health-oriented (own gym) seeks masculine friend age 35-60 with high ideals & character. Write BT Box JY94C or call ★★8281.

Horny Couple
Seeking sex buddies. GWM long-term professional couple seeks regular sex with couple or hot bottom boy. We're early-40s, bear and leatherman, both well-endowed. Wide interests include Gr to S/M. Tell us your needs. Reply BT Box JY95C.

Nice Jewish Boy—Gives Good Head
Intelligent, successful, well-hung (it's worth noting, OK?), 36, 5'9", 140#, in-shape, more cute than handsome, balding, brown/green, seeks responsible, fun, nonsmoking grown-up under 40 for relationship. We'd enjoy the outdoors, life on the Peninsula and in SF, exercise, culture, reading and friends; have a sense of humor about life, be passionate about our work, the world and each other. We can communicate and work things out, and aren't afraid of commitment; together we could be more than we are by ourselves. Please write, photo appreciated (Xerox OK). Reply BT Box JY96C.

Couple Needs Dad
Seeking mature experienced dad. GWM professional couple, early-40s, one bear and other into leather, looking for skilled trainer on regular basis. Wide interests from J/O to serious S/M. Eager to learn. You've got the experience; send us the orders with a detailed response w/photo. Reply BT Box JY97C.

Mi Amor....
Masculine Chicano, HIV-, 37, 6', 185 lbs. Seeking another man (brown, Black or white) who cares to explore the possibility of a friendship or romance. You need to be kissed, loved and held. My gregarious personality, passion, intelligence and energy need to be appreciated. My interests include travel, hikes, sports, musicals and You! My soul is on fire and my passion awaits your lips. Reply BT Box JY98C or call ★★8284.

Self-Suckers: Free Massage!
If you can suck yourself, I'll give you a superb, deeply relaxing, pleasurable, nurturing massage with special bodywork techniques to loosen, limber and help you gently "go down" further. Can also share stretches, ways, tips for going further at home and saving your back. Me: Outstanding professional masseur (since 1980); friendly, caring, healthy; tall, thin, dark-haired, hung big, uncut. No reciprocation required. Photo possible. Write PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★8285.

Young And Ambitious?
I'm a straight-looking, 48 y.o., 200 lb., HIV-, NS/ND, blue-eyed man who would like to share his knowledge, experience and love with a younger man getting started in school or career. If an older, quiet, gentle, successful man who likes dinners, talks, movies, walks, dancing and mutual massage could be an asset in your life, write Boxholder, Box 21, 2550 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 94704.

Could Be, Who Knows?
Broadway tenor, like Porter, Bernstein, Sondheim, don't care for Barbra, Les Miz, ALW; overeducated, consciously underemployed, work with computers but artist's personality, recovering Catholic, known for green leather jacket, dramatic eyes, lean muscular build, empty refrigerator. GWM, 37, 5'11", 150, grayish-green, brown, HIV-, reserved, spiritual, intelligent hands, seeks sweet-natured, sensual, intelligent, lean GWM, 30s-early-40s, for dating. Can we make it sing? Call ★★8286.

I Dance To Disco And I Don't Like Rock
Do you hope never to lose the liberty of living within the margins? Do you find manipulating dental dams relatively stressless? Have you been strongly influenced by lesbian writing? Is your body yours? Did you want to be Bananarama in the mid-1980s? Is your haircut ambitious? Do you like to kiss? Me: 23, white boy, 5'11", lean, cute, geeky glasses, flat-top. Call ★★8287.

Marriage Is
Marriage, as I see it, is about learning. Sharing. Growing. Opening up. Being best friends. Moving through fear. Asking for help. Getting it. Sometimes. Disappointment. Give and take. Waking up together. Talking about feelings. Taking risks. Giving and receiving pleasure. Fighting and then growing closer. Sharing meals, movies, showers. Giggling. Reciprocity. GWM, HIV-, almost 40, tall, trim, ready to go. NS, ND. Call ★★8288.

Mutual Growth
I'm medium height, lean, dark blond, youthful good looks (appear early-30s), nonsmoker, HIV-, with a keen mind and a playful sense of humor. I enjoy the arts, writing, outdoors, and getting together with friends; however, self-awareness and a willingness to deal with differences are more important to me than having all the same opinions or interests. I'm seeking a lover who is bright, fun, easygoing and realistic, yet capable of vision. A self-confident guy who sees our relationship as a shared journey, supporting and challenging one another on a path of mutual growth. If this resonates with you, please send along a photo with letter. Reply BT Box JY99C.

3-Way
What's your fantasy? Hot, healthy, horny couple, WM late-30s, HM late-20s, seek safe, uninhibited Eurasian or Japanese for intense creative sex without commitment. We are both HIV-, in-shape, versatile. Interested? Call ★★8289.

Mt. Biking/Motorcycling
Looking for other two-wheeled dudes, 18-40, for weekday or weekend mt. biking or motorcycle riding. 31-yr-old student wants riding partners who have their own mt. bikes or motorcycles. Let's check out the boys while riding in San Francisco, Marin, GG Park, Santa Cruz, Yosemite or anywhere in the Bay Area. Please write or call. We have three more months of summer. Reply BT Box JY100C or call ★★8290.

Straight But Bi-Curious?
You are 18-40, straight or bi, gdlkg, trim/athletic, HIV- like I am, and trainable. I am attr., young-looking/acting, understanding and discreet GWM, 69, 5'8", 155, who wants to train you to be my son, slave, playmate, and to satisfy your bi-curiosity with respect for your limits. No one-night stands. Discretion assured. Boxholder, 537 Jones St., #1297, SF 94102 or call ★★8291.

I Love Your Naked Body
You come to my studio. As you lie nude, I paint watercolors of you talking about sex or caressing your body. Sometimes we play, it's up to you. If you like we can go to museums, coffee shops, or walks in the woods. Me: 33-yr-old, cleanshaven, English-looking and straight-acting. Reply BT Box JY101C or call ★★8292.

It's A Miracle!
Freshly 37, looks 20s, a healthy survivor (that's 2 miracles—genetic?), emotionally available (another!), sexy post-punk that's full of surprises like widely publishing poetry (Irish?) and that endowment (yes!) on a 5'10", 165, hunky, lean and smooth frame with cleanshaven decent looks. Seeks a younger, lean, well-butted Mediterranean type who's secure, fun and still reads and doesn't deserve spending Saturday nights alone either. Reply BT Box JY102C or call ★★8293.

Wanted: Autofellatists &/Or Extremely Well-Hung Guys
Voyeur/exhibitionist into heavy mutual buddy-to-buddy jack-off, dirty talk, cock/ball worship while drinking, smoking, partying (share expense 50/50), my place (Oakland). For lengthy or overnight meetings beginning 10-11 pm. Not into top/bottom role-playing, shaved, videos, couples, mirrors. Serious only. Novices OK, but not curiosity seekers who change their minds like they change their underwear. Call ★★8294.

Romantic Adventure
Is what I'm seeking while searching for a committed partner. I'm passionate, lean, sexual, politically-engaged, a writer, father of an 11-year-old son who lives with me half-time. I stand 5'10½", weigh 160 pounds, have short brown hair and blue eyes, just turned 40. Looking for someone smart, athletic, funny, tall, 30-40, who understands the power of words and values the possibility of life together. Reply BT Box JY103C or call ★★8295.

In Search Of Romance And Friendships
Eurasian, 30, short, boyish good looks, classy, sophisticated, highly intelligent, progressive, compassionate, generous, warm, masculine and sexy; passionate about travel: Beijing, Florence, Paris, Prague; films: classics & foreign; reading: Dickens, Dostoevsky, Balzac, Ibsen; music: Bach, Mozart, Beethoven; and life: sports, dining in/out, intimacy, learning, adventures, ice cream, just having fun. You: around my age, successful, intelligent, short (?), handsome, in-shape, with lots of interests. Call ★★8296.

Strictly A Sex Ad
GWM, 33, blond/blue, 5'10", 140 lbs., HIV-, 7", seeks friendly guys for hot times. I like kissing, licking, sucking, stroking, tit play, maybe fucking your butt. No S/M or kinky. You: under 55, trim, masculine, nonsmoker. Facial hair a plus. Please send photo (returned) with responses. Reply BT Box JY104C.

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I'm ferklempt. Gay African-American man with offbeat sense of humor seeks Jewish man to help me rule the world. (Just what we need—more monarchy.) I'm 30, 6', 245 lbs., bearded, hairy. You should be at least 25, a nonsmoker, and have a sense of humor. Let's get together for cawfy and we'll tawk amongst ourselves. Call ★★8297.

Sleepless In Vallejo

Handsome and sexy GWM, 54, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, moustache, seeks attractive masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening, and weekend outings. You are HIV-, NS, light/ND, great shape, and have the capacity for warm-hearted affection and playfulness. Extra points for being hairy and balding, outdoors-oriented, and 10-15 years younger. Call ★★8298.

Seeking GAM Companion +

Yes, I've been going to N'Touch too often but without a significant other it gets boring at home alone. I'm GWM, 5'9", 140#, HIV-, NS, 50something (look younger) with varied interests. Looking for someone who is interested in more than one-night stands. Call ★★8299.

Teach this Palo Alto area slightly misanthropic semi-Bohemian 35 WM to believe in you. Be 28-40 reliable sincere independent; enjoy bumming around the museums, cafes and parks in SF as well as quiet times. Likes: reading, lots of music, art, architecture, ethnic food, films, travel, Sundays, monogamy. Dislikes: smoking, drugs, heavy drinking, STDs, games, the bar scene. Your race and religion are unimportant. Your heart and mind are. Call ★★8300.

Black Pawn Seeks White Knight

BM, 32, 5'11", 150 lbs., wants to orally service younger (30 and under), HIV- WM. I'm masc., HIV-, discreet. Particularly looking for a guy who is verbal, demanding and into fantasy. Let's talk. Call ★★8301.

Dirty Little Secrets

Tell me your dirty little secrets, the things you are too ashamed to tell your best friend. What filthy things you have been doing, or want to do. 45 y.o. GWM, 250 lbs., HIV+, seeks sexually adventurous men to share dirty habits we can't talk about with others. I'm an old-fashioned kind of guy who believes in sex first, drinks later. Call or write. Reply BT Box JY105C or call ★★8302.

Yours, Mine, Ours

Looking for one man to spend rest of life with. A lofty goal but why not shoot for the stars. I'm attractive, very young 60, 5'8", 155#, brown/bald, short beard/moustache, HIV-. Enjoy home, music, good conversation, reading, board games, quiet times. You're mature, in-shape, nonsmoker. We're clean, honest, considerate, dependable nice guys. All answered. Travel is no problem. Photo appreciated/returned. PO Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★8303.

Flex Appeal

And a beautiful smile may get a noticeable rise and smile out of me. If you're a playful peacock who likes to parade pecs of pleasure, bicep peaks, luscious lats and other delights, I'm good-looking, healthy and well-equipped to scale the peaks, valleys and crevices, visually and sensually. A semi-private gym, pool and jacuzzi are available for our honest sensual fun. Please call ★★8304.

Mirror, Mirror On The Wall

Am I (a late-20s GAM, 5'8", in good shape) your truest love of them all? Try. If you're GAM or GWM, under 35, have a well-proportioned body, well-educated, well-endowed and well-groomed. You're NS & cleanshaven, an ambitious, brotherly figure who goes for my intelligence, cuteness and discipline. I'm a great kisser & enjoy outdoors. Explore me... Call ★★8305.

Very Masculine, Handsome Top Wanted

Looking for someone upper-20s to 30s for friendship, relationship, etc. I'm 29, 5'11", 175#, handsome, goatee & work-out. I'm also very affectionate, romantic, love to kiss. I like theater, bowling, going to movies, camping, romantic nights. Finding it difficult meeting quality people here. Show me you're quality! You won't be sorry. Prefer photo/letter. Boxholder M, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★8306.

A Few Of My Favorite Things

NCC1701-D; kissing; 12-steps; very handsome men (Daniel Day Lewis, "Jean Luc Picard," Jean Claude Van Damme); workouts; swimming; health (HIV+ care); higher power; conscious contact; spacetime; Stephen Hawking; spiritual awakening; home; hearth; cooking; cleaning; cocooning; cats; reef aquarium; dreaming; saving; planning; one day at a time; travel; adventures; nature; crafts; nipples; muscles; washboards; making love; "bathing in the afterglow"; cuddling; being romanced; antiquity; history; books; sci fi; archaeology; step 10; physics; metaphysics; all there is! Reply BT Box JY106C or call ★★8307.

Older/Younger

GWM would like to meet younger guy, any race, for fun and intimate times. I'm 58, 5'11", 185, bald/gray, 'stache, HIV-, shy/quiet. Enjoy movies, music, gym, theater, quiet times. You be under 45, short, dark, hairy are pluses. Reply PO Box 323, San Anselmo 94979 or call ★★8308.

Once Upon A Time

Attractive, hairy, red-bearded wizard seeks enthusiastic elf prince, sexy dwarf or Hobbit under 5'7", lean, thin or skinny, with moustache or goatee for magic of heart and body in the waning days of Middle Earth. Wizard is Celtic, mature but not gray, 6'1", 145 lbs., (gym-toned), HIV-, likes classical music, healthy vegetarian lifestyle (no smoke, drugs; light drink). Be sensual, romantic, honest and into LTR. Please call ★★8309.

Passionate Tops Preferred

Who are HIV+ or PWAs to top me and spend time with. I am an active and healthy PWA, 45, 6', 150 lbs., blond-red/brown, medium build. Pluses: hairy chests, moustaches, jazz, cooking, hairy butts, and I'm open to more. I like movies, sex, cafes, reading, the beach. I'm a bottom looking for sexy impassioned tops, size not important but emotional access is, for sex buddies and dating, maybe more. Light vices OK; ND nor AIDSphobia please. I got the time if you got the touch. Photo (returned) and interesting letter please. Reply BT Box JY107C.

"Guiding Light"?

Not a TV junkie, but GL is my lunch break soul food. This very attractive East Bay GWM wants a monogamous long-term relationship. I am: 31, 5'11", 145 lbs., HIV-, runner's body, energetic, self-sufficient. My interests include traveling, dancing and working out. You are: GAM/GLM/GBM, 28 to 35, shorter, thin to slim, interesting or attractive looks, HIV-, self-sufficient, mature, humorous, sociable, enjoy similar interests. SF residents OK. Call ★★8310.

Asian/Latin/All Races: "Body And Soul"

Seeking more serious Partner or just friends with similar interests. Me: very casual & easygoing homebody, moderate and realistic Pride, independent Christian/"A Higher Power," passionate body and soul, Van Gogh, Twilight Zone, Kafka, Kierkegaard, Christmas, Chaplin, Looney Toons, ethnic food, no heavy alcohol or drug dependency, light "videophile," Kirk Cummings, music (Nat, Orbison, Sade, Tina, etc.)... You: ? (P.S.: exterior I'm WM, 32, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, "good-looking.") Reply to: J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041. Letters preferred or call ★★8311.

Boyfriend Potential

GWM, 34, 6', 160, brn/blue, HIV- Masculine, self-confident, intelligent, loving, sensitive, mature, articulate, easygoing, humorous guy. Interests include the outdoors and many sports, intellectual and cultural pursuits, politics, my Jewish heritage, learning about other cultures, travel, cooking and photography. I have a smooth, muscular swimmer's build, love kissing and massage, am well-endowed, have a great butt and a very high libido. Call ★★8312.

Spirited And Sincere

35 y.o., 6', 175, GWM. I am single, relaxed, fun-loving, enjoy international travel and the outdoors. I'm socially and physically active, interested in world affairs, love Tchaikovsky and Aretha Franklin. Seeking a solid relationship (realize it takes time, feeling impatient)! You share similar interests (and have others), are socially conscious, attractive, but not manicured (hair out of place is a plus) and have a sense of humor to see us through a first date. All ethnicities welcome. Reply BT Box JY108C or call ★★8313.

100% Greek Passive Bottom!

Looking for a young hunk? Skip this ad! Clean, discreet, Danny De Vito with Carla's libido. Latin, 45, 5'5", 200#, average looks, hairy body, thinning hair, smoker, with hot hairy bottom that loves getting fucked. You should be 45-55. I am looking for average Latin, white, Asian, horny top(s) who would enjoy pounding a hot safe bottom on regular basis. Messages picked up on Fri. South Bay area. Call ★★8314.

Safe, Sane, Sexy Slavery

I'm 32, 5'10", 175 sturdy lbs., HIV-, NS/ND, very good-looking, clean-cut, blond, educated, creative, safe, caring, honest, communicative. I enjoy master/slave, owner/pet roles as sexual play, not as permanent lifestyle. I want an honest, communicative, good-looking, intelligent man with whom to explore mutual desires. I can be top or bottom. Novices welcomed, if serious and ready for fun, light-to-moderate S/M and bondage. Call ★★8315.

Backpacking

GWM seeks partner(s) to go backpacking in the Sierra in August or September for two or three days. I have all the equipment except the tent. I am 5'9", 150, 36 and athletic. Reply Box 183, 1030 E. El Camino, Sunnyvale 94087 or call ★★8316.

Hostess Snack Pack

But am I the Twinkie, the Ho-Ho or the Ding-Dong? 28 y.o. designer seeks cranky, irreverent buddies for mutual plunder and polite conversation. I'm 6'1", 180#, blondish, greenish, and hung bigger than a breadstick. HIV may have nibbled on some of the better parts, but the crumbs left over are still pretty tasty. Are you cute? Similarly afflicted? Within a decade of my age? Unafraid of voice mail? Give me a call! Call ★★8317.

Massage/Friendship

Friendly, sincere, 5'10", 165#, GWM is looking to exchange massages and possibly friendship. This 50ish professional likes the outdoors and spending quiet evenings with someone special sharing a meal & trading massages; likes opera, quiet jazz and classical music; likes to dance but still needs lessons in CW. You: 40+, sincere, fun-loving, race unimportant, slim to med. built, ND, NS. Exchange, PO Box 14065, SF 94119 or call ★★8101.

I Want

A GWM in his 30s who is stable, expressive and full of enthusiasm about life. He is ready and willing to settle down. In return, he will get a GAM, 28 and ready for the big move. I dare you to call. Call ★★8319.

Personal

Santa Rosa area European GWM, 57 y.o., 6'2", 175, not into bars; outdoor type; likes good music, camping, travel. Seeks Asian/Mexican for friendship & possible relationship. All letters answered with snapshot. Reply BT Box JY109C or call ★★8320.

Sex Buddy... Son... Mistress

For a beefy top, blue collar-no collar kind of guy. Forget looks. I need a man who wants head and tail. Intelligent conversation, etc., afterwards. You're dominant, 40+, sane, HIV-, Greek active. I'm masculine, but enjoy being sexually submissive for a bigger, horny guy. I'm 5'6", trim body, tight butt, 45, HIV-. Role play and some kink are turn-ons. Call ★★8321.

Husband Material

There are two chairs on my deck overlooking the garden but right now one of them is empty. Successful professional with a lot to give seeks mature, reliable soulmate for LTR. Tall GWM, 39, HIV-, attractive, intelligent, self-confident, articulate, spiritual, nurturing, monogamous, witty. Ability to talk about feelings a must. Interests: movies, theater, cooking, writing, psychotherapy, camping, day hikes. ND, NS. Call ★★8322.

Some Say You're Goofy

'Cause you laugh a lot. I think your humor, intelligence and modesty make you a prince. Kind of like me, though I'm more nerdy than goofy. I love old books and strange foods. I hate housework. I have great friends, but there's something missing. Your handsome company, maybe. I'm 40, 5'9", bald, furry, Jewish, cleanshaven, HIV-. I go wobbly for gentle, cleanshaven guys who hold hands at the movies and kiss so they feel it in Tuscaloosa. Reply BT Box JY110C or call ★★8323.

Rogaine Refusenik

51-year-old GM, slim, with prostate pressure, seeks younger gay men for friendship; possible relationship. I like men who are optimistic, easy-going, domestic, fit, health-conscious, rational, unconventional, energetic, horny, nonsmoking, and not into bars, attitude, the 12-steps, or unemployment. I'm a good listener, verbal, career-oriented, HIV-, with crazy sense of humor, and like self-development, skepticism, writing, psychology, exercise, art deco, ballet, cats, opera and plants. Boxholder, PO Box 14523, SF 94114 or call ★★8324.

Bodybuilder Couple Seeks Third

Bodybuilder duo, ages 29 and 31, both hunky, dark and handsome, with competition caliber physiques, both well-hung and healthy, seek third in-shape stud, age 21-35, with a very well-built body and creative mind, for fun times. You should be healthy, uninhibited, and love to worship big dick and get your butt serviced by two of the hottest topmen around. Or, if you're new to the gay scene and/or just like watching two big hot men making passionate love, we're exhibitionists at heart and would enjoy showing off for you. Interested in either scenario? Send photo/phone to BT Box JY111C or call ★★8325.

Folsom/Castro (Af)fair

40s, HIV-, in-shape, hairy, bearded, attractive GWM. Enjoy changeable roles in bed, activities from cuddle to kink, balanced by equality outside the bedroom. Get my attention by being in-shape, attractive, a mature thinker, HIV-, with facial hair and a sense of humor. Let's suit up and tool on down to the fairs on my motorcycle, and enjoy the affair we've become. Call ★★8326.

Sophisticated Gentleman

Who values the good things in life: fine food, great wine, romance and sex; all things Italian, decency and kindness, movies, opera, ballet, my home and garden, Gershwin and Porter, compassion and caring, Venice, Fred Astaire, Preston Sturgess, tenderness and affection, the absurd, sharing—both the highs and lows, Callas, Fellini, an open mind, etc., etc. Me: 52 (don't look it), 5'8", 145 lbs., not a Castro Street beauty, but won't crack any mirrors, either; wry sense of humor. You: 42-52, weight proportionate, not too hairy, NS, ND, no obsessions. Don't take yourself too seriously—life's too short. I'm not looking for a carbon copy, but if you think there might be a hint of chemistry, let's get together. Reply BT Box JY112C or call ★★8327.

Looking For Friends To Share...

Hiking, classical music, movies, theater, books, travel, quiet dinners and good conversations with GWM retired professor who hasn't forgotten or regretted the '60s. I'm active, healthy, tall, bespectacled, and with somewhat long hair. You are a somewhat younger (in attitude at least) GWM who might also be interested in parapsychology and other frontier sciences, Jungian psychology and non-Western kinds of spirituality. Let's meet for coffee and see what we might share. Please write to BT Box JY113C.

Equal Wanted

Handsome, strong build, intelligent, butch. Enjoy forests and mountains. Professional, secure but not overly materialistic or work-driven, caring political views. Versatile. HIV-. Communicative, kind, reasonably assertive. Available, but not single-mindedly searching, for monogamy. All that's true of both of us. Extra points for spirituality, warm sense of humor, lack of fashion sense. You're 30-40, any race; I'm 40, 6', 190, brown/blue. Call ★★8328.

How Bitter Am I...

Bitter! Not really, but this 29-yr-old GWM's sarcastic wit and twisted sense of humor is often construed that way. If I met a man who makes me happy, see fireworks when we kiss, and hear music when we're together... I would puke! I don't believe in "love" (at least not as Hollywood portrays it). I believe in two people leading their own lives and having their own interests, yet having a vested interest in each other. I am attractive, with br/gr, love handles (but I'm not fat), cleanshaven, and a hairy chest. I have a cleft chin, sexy legs and a great smile. You should be comfortable with yourself, NS, and not repulsive. (I'd like to say that looks don't matter, but I haven't evolved that much yet.) Call and let's see what happens. Call ★★8329.

Work Weekends?

Looking to meet others w/weekdays free. GWM, 39, 5'10", 148 lbs., fair hair/skin, educated, NS, light drinker, HIV-, no car. Interests: gym, films, theater, reading, hiking, infomaniac. Values: honesty, vulnerability, skepticism, altruism, introspection, ability to communicate feelings. Interested in meeting others w/similar values and interest in developing intimate relationship. Call ★★8330.

Insatiable Fucker Looking For Fun

27, BB, 5'11", 155 lbs. I'm outgoing, good-looking, stable, love to party, hung (especially in girth), seeks stable, clean-cut, hard body, good-looking, Keanu Reeves/Tom Cruise type with rock hard ass, bottom optional, 25 to 35 y.o. No major druggies or trendy goatees; trim and masculine only. Call ★★8331.

Still Handsome And Cool

I'm 42, 160, trim, br/br, short beard, defined. My personality is upbeat, inquisitive and generous. Currently one of my heroes if Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh. I envision being with another guy who values humor, metaphysics, rhythm and blues, intellectual sparring, sex because there is a felt and growing connection, and is willing to share goodness. I prefer exchanging pictures and beginning by phone is okay too. Reply BT Box JY114C or call ★★8332.

One Great Catch

Very handsome, mid-30-year-old who's an occasionally brilliant/periodically stupid Financial District type. Passionate Asian who thrives on romantic monogamy. Energized (and sometimes moved to tears) by opera, film, books and food. Physically fit, kind and independent. Enjoys country but prefers city. Loves dogs. Are you similar? If not, see "Dedicated Friend and Partner." He's another great catch. Otherwise, send note and photo (returnable) to BT Box JY115C.

Corporal Punishment

Hot, masculine top, 34, nice build, seeks in-shape guy with a firm round butt that needs to be put over my knee for a good, old-fashioned spanking. Got strong hands for the right butt. Straps and paddles too. Also into role-playing and safe hot sex. Send photo to: PO Box 14581, SF 94114 or call ★★8333.

Shakespeare's Rolling Over...

These pers'nals reek of insincerity/ The man I seek is not a cliche./ Offer me love, not just prosperity./ Be real and together—mean what you say./ A student at Cal, I'm just 21,/ Witty, sarcastic and loads of fun./ I'm 6-foot-2. Adonis I'm not./ Brown hair, eyes hazel, it's charm that I've got./ My int'rests range from politics to art,/ Modern rock, Star Trek, language and travel./ I'm looking for a man to steal my heart/ (Now my story begins to unravel)./ But if (alas!) my poem makes you vomit./ Please keep in mind, this was my first sonnet. Reply BT Box JY116C or call ★★8334.

Male Companionship

If you are good-looking, masculine, fun to be with, serious, but with a good sense of humor, around 35-45 years old, HIV-, NS, Ndrugs, professional, financially and emotionally stable, and if you'd like to meet someone with these same characteristics, please call me. I'm a GWM, 6', 175 lbs., swimmer's build, athletic, regular kind of guy, who would like a friendship and relationship with the same person. Call ★★8335.

Sensitive, Sincere, Solid, Stable

Masculine, good-looking, in-shape guy seeks same for friendship and possibly a lasting relationship. 6', 170 lbs., 40ish, HIV-, fit, cleanshaven, brown hair and eyes, down-to-earth, with a variety of interests including tennis, working out with weights, running, piano, movies, theater, travel. Looking for someone who is easy on the eyes with a good disposition and easy to be with. If you'd like to meet please send a note with returnable photograph to the address below. Response and discretion assured. Boxholder, PO Box 472223, SF 94147.

2 Hot Rods Seek Boy Pussy For 3-Way

Two hot rods will fill your boy pussy and velvet mouth as you squirm, squeal and beg for more. We are interesting QWM, HIV-, 31, 6'3", 190, and 38, 6'2", 195, long-term couple and enjoy fornicating safely with other hot homos. Special attn. to Asians, blonds and Latinos in their early-20s to 30. Anyone, please be without facial hair. Reply BT Box JY117C or call ★★8336.

Blue Collar Buddy Wanted

Tall, blond professional seeks to meet blue collar types: carpenters, plumbers, construction workers or other muscular blue collar workers. My interests include: movies, travel, outdoors, and homé life. I frequently receive free cruises and sun vacations and am looking for a travel companion for my next trip. Curious? Call ★★8337 or write Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062.

Yes Sir (Ouch!), Thank You, Sir!

Horny, eager, young, Black bottom boy wants steamy, lubricious phone sex with rough, dominant topmen/studs/masters. Me: 24, 5'7", 140#, dark, smooth and ready. U B older, taller, any race, with an urge to use and a talent for abuse. My limits are you imagination, so please use your boy, sir! Call ★★8338.

Monogamy Is Hot

Attractive and slim 27-year-old Caucasian student seeking a handsome, masculine and earthy 25-40-year-old man for monogamous relationship. I am vegetarian, shy, affectionate and sexually bottom. Like me, please be tall, health-conscious, toned, HIV-, and somewhat spiritual. North Bay a plus. Respond with photo to BT Box JY118C or call ★★8339.

Tongue Can Do

Junior bear, queen-size, 26, seeking fellow horny souls for passion, lip service & fun. 6'2", extra nipples, hairy hole & nice balls. Seeking somewhat aggressive, out-of-closet older brother or even-handed playmate. Teach me old ropes and some new tricks. Honesty, integrity and joy are priorities. I'm ready, let's be naughty til we squirt. Call ★★8340 or write PO Box 426027, SF 94142.

Mr. Nice Guy

Gentle-looking, clean-cut bear, 6'2", 240 lbs., brn hair, hazel eyes, 28 years old, straight-acting, discreet. Looking for friend(s) to hang out evenings, weekends. Live in Contra Costa, work in SF. Interests: fine restaurants, good wine, '70s rock, hiking, nature; spiritual, hopelessly honest, HIV-; massage, safe sex, sunbathing, cooking. Seeks 25-35, clean-cut guys, 6'+. Send picture and note (will return). Reply BT Box JY119C or call ★★8341.

ABC

Asians, Blacks, Caucasians... White male, 5'8", 145, slender ass, hung nicely, HIV-, mature, seeks clean, sincere, HIV- top Blacks or Caucasians, top/bottom Asians. Age, height, weight unimportant. I don't smoke; OK if you do; no drugs, light drink, safe sex. Please, no game players or S/M. Bi or married welcome. I live near Oakland. P/P if possible to Boxholder, PO Box 5294, Pleasanton 94566.

I Must Be Crazy

To think that people's feelings matter, that kindness is not a sign of weakness, that I can matter to someone. GWM, 41, gym-goer, independent-thinker, craves honesty; muscles are nice, but a kindred soul is nicer; relationship is wonderful, but friendship is essential. Any race or any age, but be real. I want to leave this earth knowing you. Call ★★8342.

Animal Magnetism!

This beautiful, sleek and slender GAM leopard wants to attract a handsome mate. In my early 20s, I measure 5'10" from head to tail and am purr-fectly healthy. Even though I'm tame, I enjoy bringing out my wild side from time to time. So, if you're at least 5'10", between the ages of 21 and 35, disease-free, and dislike smoke such

as I do, let me hear from you. And I will bring out your wild side! Call ★★8343.

Profesional Espanol, 56, Busca
Europeo, Latino, o Cubano pasivo, suave y refinado para amor. Spanish professional, 56, seeks passive European, Latin, or Cuban for love. Softness and refinement appreciated. Boxholder, PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

Kinky Party Guy
GWM, 30s, muscular, looking for others into partying, fantasies, role-plays, 3-ways or small groups, toys, nasty fantasies, dominance/submission, humiliation. Let's get down and nasty together. Let me know your scene. All replies answered. Call ★★8344.

Tall, Dark, Lustful And Handsome
BM, 25-40 y.o. wanted. Must be muscular, masculine, versatile and easygoing. I'm 6'1", 190#, 37 y.o., blue/brown, masculine, athletic, WM, hairy, hung, looking for fun, friendship and possible relationship. I like music, movies, wine, travel, home-cooked meals and long, erotic sessions. No addicts! HIV+ and foreign-born OK. Call ★★8345.

But It Has To Balance
Somewhere near the intersection of Taoist hippie, raving club kid and guppie you'll find me—a 31-yr-old, 5'7", blond, QWM. If you can appreciate my odd mix, you cultivate one of your own and you are in your 30s, we should meet. Call ★★8346.

Friendship, Sex And Romance
Let's have all three! GWM, 28, 5'5", clean-cut, intelligent, cute face/legs/butt. I'm relatively new to SF, kind of shy, HIV-, professional. Looking for monogamy and intense sex (passionate, wild, non-stop) with romance included. Strongly attracted to brainy/nerdy/humorous/artsy types, as well as Latinos, Asians, redheads. Pluses: hairy legs/glasses/goatees. I'm easygoing and very down-to-earth. Let's talk! Call ★★8347.

A Dedicated Friend And Partner
Is what I am and what I'm seeking to share the joys of everything from going to the symphony to backpacking; of intimacy to casual hours with friends; of long thoughtful conversations (because no topic is taboo). Our honesty and monogamy are steadfast. I don't smoke, and I maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. I'm 36, GWM, 6'2", 175, with a swimmer's build. You are similar enough to be interested, and different enough to be interesting. Please reply with letter and photo, or see "One Great Catch," because he is. Reply BT Box JY120C or call ★★8348.

Teddy Bear Dad Seeks Bottom Son
Love caught us by surprise. It changed our lonely lives. We may be frightened, but hold my hand as we explore the Power of Love. Me: lonely, honest, shy, sincere, attractive, GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs., top. You: attractive, GWM, 21-35, slim, bottom. Interests include: music, concerts, cabaret, plays. Looking for affectionate individuals who want more than a one-night stand. Call ★★8349.

Long On Cock, Short On Brains
That's what my ex-friends say. So, looking for new company. Me, I'm a basically sweetnatured, thoughtful, opinionated basket-watcher. Can't help it, always been that way. Would like to have a nice basket at hand. Problem is odd work hours. Want to engage in life's various ups and downs with opinionated humorous guy; someone who likes company for lunch, movies and people watching. Could be like me, late 50s, hefty build, about 6', and sweetly hung. Could be different; lots of possibilities here. Call ★★8350.

There's A Place For Us
In each other's arms, minds and hearts. We have traditional values, liberal outlook; relationship-oriented but mature enough not to "fall in love with love." Both educated, traveled, bright, good-humored, eclectic interests. I'm GWM, 5'9", 160, Nordic blond, smoker, HIV+, healthy both physically and emotionally. You're probably a few years younger, a little shorter—or not. Both into long kisses, nipple play, affection. Let's pillow talk about the possibilities. Call ★★8351.

A Nice Guy
34 y.o. African American, masculine, professional. I'm 5'8", around 185. Yes, I'm a little stocky but I'm solid. I run 3 times a week & work out in the gym at least 3 times. I like dancing, movies, the outdoors and quiet evenings at home with that special someone. Race unimportant. I hope you're near my age with an outgoing personality. No attitude please. Call ★★8352.

Mind, Body And Soul
Well-honed mind; fit, lean, active body; emerging soul; conversational, polyemotional, talented, versatile, traveled, imperfect; good hands, good heart, good listener, good find. Handsome GWM (38, 6'4", 170, br/bl, HIV-), who experiences peace and beauty in grand and small gestures, natural and human, seeks equal (not twin), GWM (34-42, 6'+, HIV-, NS) for long-term partnership, to join in quest for balance. Share life; have fun. Call ★★8353.

To Share A Love
It's a paradox that what I'm seeking is very little, yet a lot; simple, yet complex; a loving, monogamous, long-term relationship. I am 33, HIV-, blk/brn, half-Latin, moustache, 6' and 195 lean, well-built lbs. Working out has endowed me with muscular arms, shoulders and a hairy, well-developed chest. Some consider me handsome. For me, cuddling, caressing and kissing are more important than cumming. Honest communication and greater intimacy with my lover are two of my most cherished relationship goals. I feel most attracted to HIV- men between approx. 30-45 with good builds and at least some body hair (I'm a sucker for sensitive nipples, hairy chests and beards). Although physical attraction is important, our relationship will be sustained over the long-run by our non-physical compatibility. Qualities I value in myself include: a romantic nature, passion, devotion, loyalty, friendship, family, home, child-like wonder, playfulness and, in general, a low-key approach to life. If this all makes sense and you'd like to talk to me, please call ★★8354.

Custom-Made Love Slave
Everyone thinks I'm a top. Perhaps it's because I'm extremely hairy, balding, husky, with 'stache and penetrating brown eyes. But hey—I'm mostly bottom/sometimes versatile. I'm 27 (look 35!), 6', 210#, attractive, 8½" thick/uncut, professional, educated. You're 20 to 50, handsome, intelligent, dominant, into spanking, fantasies and ready to turn me into your very own custom-made love slave. Hairy/kinky a plus. Call ★★8355.

Armchair Radical And Intellectual Dilletante
Unpretentious international businessman loves to discuss literature, philosophy and politics while hiking in the hills, drinking beer to the sounds of live music, or having energetic and versatile sex anywhere and everywhere. People wonder why I'm gay given my utter failure as a cook, housekeeper and fashion plate. Am looking for someone to domesticate me without dampening my passion for travel, foreign cultures and the exotic and unknown. I'm an attractive GWM, 6'1", 40, 180 lbs., smooth, with brn/green. If you're an attractive Asian or Hispanic that's younger and shorter, it would be a plus... but am open to other men who share my passions & interests. Call ★★8356.

Let's Learn To Dance
Freshly out of 7-year relationship and free to learn country-western and salsa dancing. Am handsome GWM, 38, 5'11", 170 lbs., brn/brn, hairy, HIV-, masculine, NS, intelligent and community minded. Seeking dance partner to take classes with who'd prefer to lead. If the chemistry is right, am also seeking intimacy and the sharing of other pleasures: exercise, movies, projects, classical music, good food, and the exploration of ideas, feelings and the world. Call ★★8357.

Classic 1930 Coupe
White body, gray top, minor scratches, nice rumble seat, fitted for skirts. Traditional Aristotelian engineering modernized to Nietzschean Dionysiac standards, a blending of Natasha F. and Pr. Mishkin, smokes a bit. Desires fully mature off-the-main-road driver for theater, dancing, starlit nights, creating the heights of ecstasy. Non-Republicans address inquiries to PO Box 170113, SF 94117.

Long-Term Relationship
GWM, 43, brn/brn, 6'2", 170, moustache, fit, HIV-, attractive. Live in Walnut Creek, work in SF. Like hiking, nudity, travel, art, reading, music, dancing, exercise, camping, science, technology, computers. I'm intelligent, humorous, romantic, physically demonstrative, into passionate safe sex. I'm looking for a NS man, 35-50, who shares similar interests, wants an honest, caring LTR. Let's talk on phone, see where things go from there. Reply BT Box JY121C or call ★★8358.

"Penultimate"
I'm a mildly dysfunctional, yet fascinating man, ready to do a relationship right. I've got the desire & the energy. I'm 34, 6 ft., slender & muscular, long hair, moustache & glasses. Totally hot! I'm HIV+ and very healthy in both mind and body. You might be short, slim and maybe Jewish and ideally functional. East Bay preferred. Call ★★8359.

Me Gustan Latinos
Latino guys make me hot! I'm a handsome dark-haired white boy, 5'10", 165 lbs., green eyes, 30 years old. Looking for good-looking, athletic, Latino men to hang out with. I'm into Latino culture and speak a little Spanish, but want to learn more. So if you're Latino, have a brain and are friendly, give me a call. Call ★★8360.

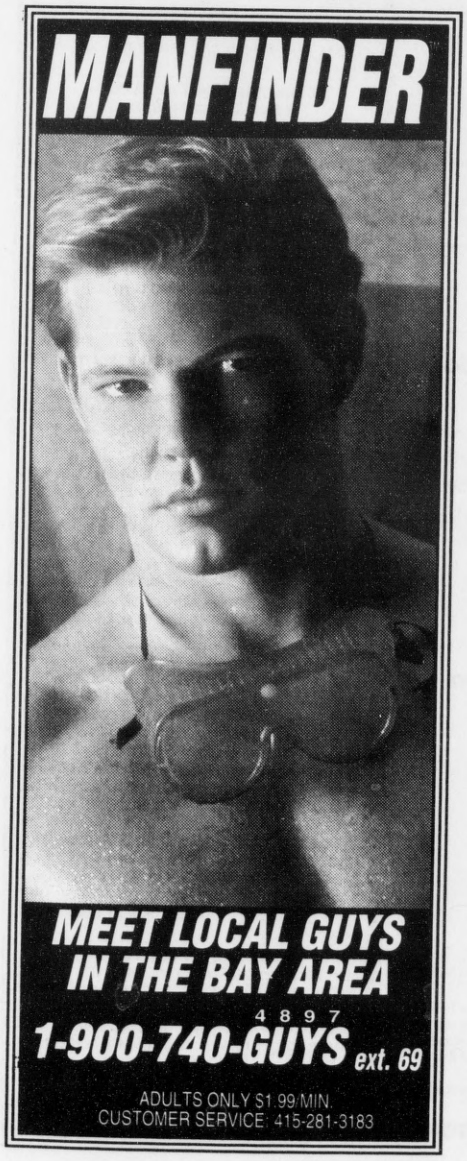
Before, During And After
Do you enjoy the quiet closeness afterwards as much as the frisky fooling around before? GWM, 41, bright, musical, humorous, culturally Jewish, bald, hairy, 32w, HIV-, seeks assertive, young-looking, white/Asian/Indian male for cuddling, conversation, and fooling around (condomized oral welcome). We're NS/ND (light drinking OK), cleanshaven. Please write PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★8361.

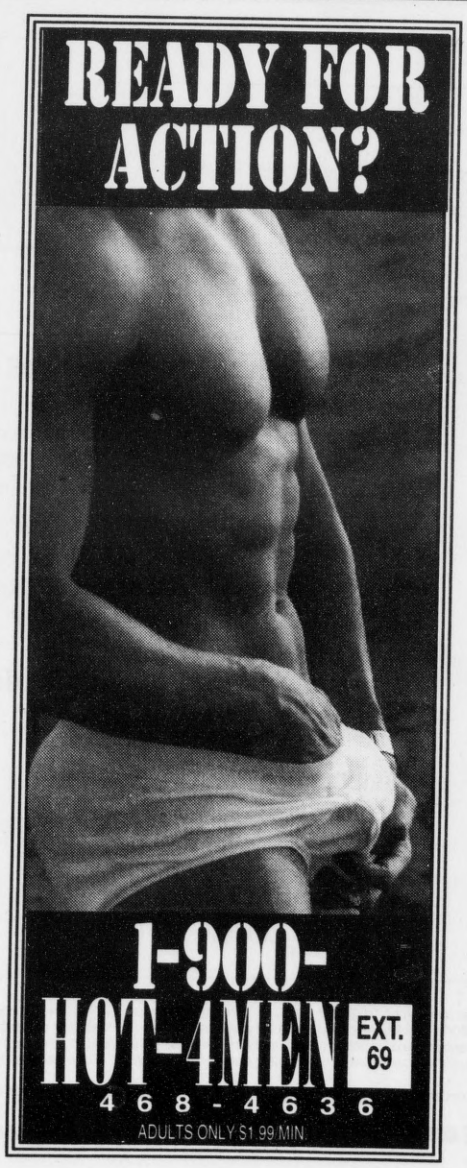
Toned Not Cloned
Seeking stocky body, not gym-cloned, that likes toned swimmer's build, 37, 5'11", 147, attractive, athletic, career-oriented, unconventional, dry humor, creative, with art interests and a cute butt! Would like to meet 30s, grounded male in decent shape, flexible in nature and basically adventurous. Call ★★8362.

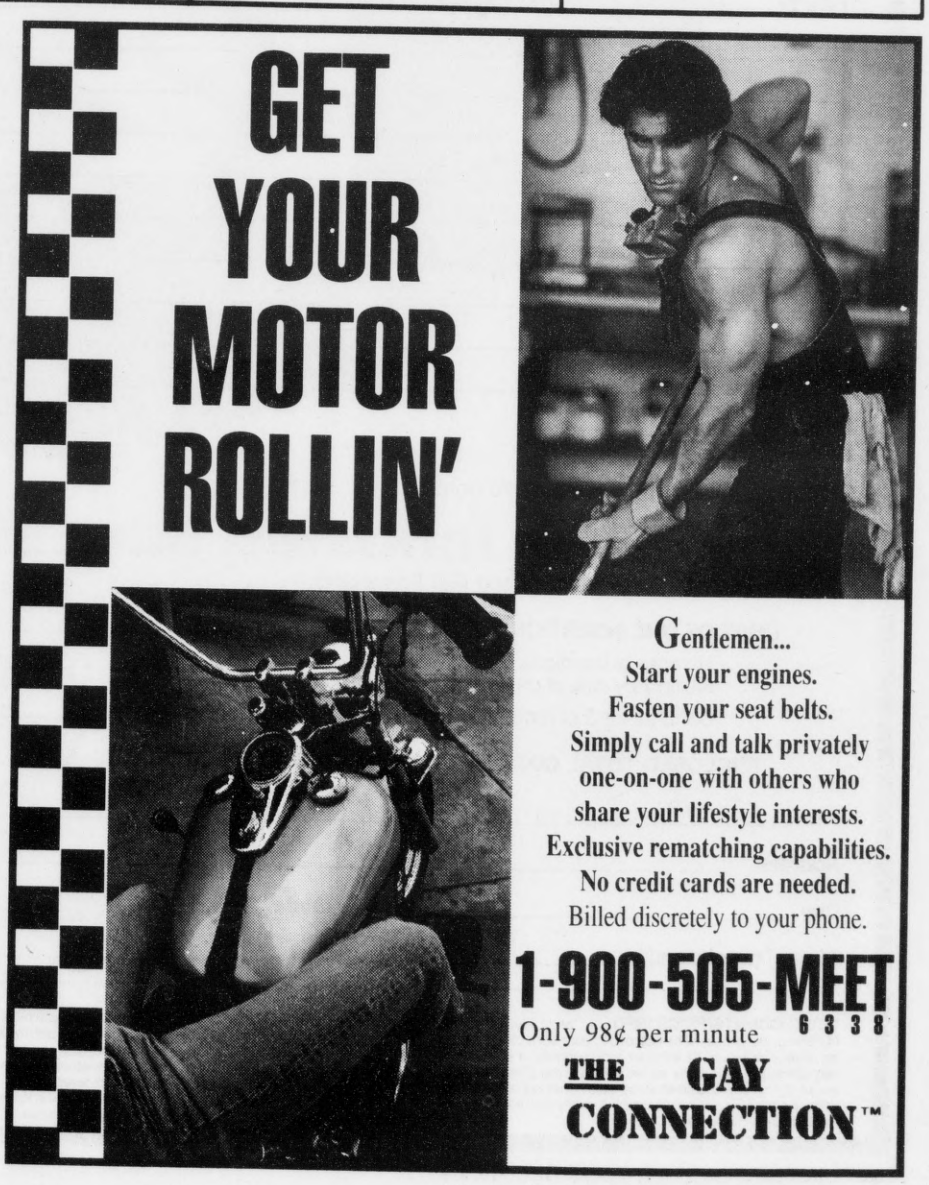
Risk
I'm attracted to "straight" appearing men who happen to be gay. You are (like myself): handsome, 5'10"+, of good character, professionally employed, educated, 28-35, affectionate, of good character, capable of monogamy, and HIV-. Interests may be varied and diverse. I believe happiness results from diligent and constant introspection, a positive attitude and realistic goals. Happiness also may result from taking a risk. Wanna risk a phone call? Call ★★8363.

Muscular, Sincere, Trusting
Hi. I'm a 36-yr-old muscular Caucasian guy, 5'11", 175 lbs., kinda shy, not into the bars. Dislike game playing, phony people. I'm seeking a special guy to date on a regular basis. He would be Asian, 22-37, smooth, hairless body, athletic, trustworthy, monogamous, with a mature mind. If you are this person, let's give it a try. Please, stable & trim only. Call ★★8364.

Hot & Handsome Adventurer Seeks Affectionate Mate
Are you planning your next escape from the City for an action-packed weekend at the beach with blue skies and roaring surf or a whitewater trip in the Sierras with good friends, food and fun? Maybe you're planning a romantic trip to Greece or New Zealand to explore the back streets and backwaters. Hot, athletic, 6'1", 185, brn/brn, easygoing, young-at-heart, 30something, versatile/top, HIV-, seeks similar 26-39, honest, stable, emotionally available, college educated man/boy, with a life to match for relationship full of



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Sunday afternoon? I'd rather take kids to the zoo or a Giants game than hang out at the Eagle. Visiting my nieces in L.A. makes me envy my sister, and folks say I'd make a great dad. I'm good at cooking family meals and helping with homework, and after the kids are all asleep it's daddy's turn to play! I'm handsome, healthy, stable, hard-working, religious, with a strong sense of loyalty, humor and whimsy. But I'm no Ward Cleaver! My politics are closer to Dorothy Day and the Berrigans than the Pope, and the kids don't need to know about my very special toy box. Building a relationship takes great care, hard work and planning; all the more so with kids involved. If you're a single father who would like to share the work and the joys; if you want to hug and kiss someone your own age, someone who might tuck you into bed for a change; if you're reasonably attractive, educated and progressive I'll pay for the sitter on our first date. Letter and photo to BT Box JY122C or call ★★8366.

Bare Feet

Muscular GWM, late-30s, into bare feet, seeks other(s) into same. If this is your scene (or you might be interested in trying it) call and let's talk. 3-ways OK, too. Call ★★8367.

Handsome Scandinavian Seeks Relationship

Professional GWM, 44, stable, reliable, seeking monogamous relationship. I am 5'10", 155 lbs., NS, HIV-, with blue eyes, brown hair and a moustache. I would enjoy sharing my interests in classical music, good food/cooking, travel and the outdoors with a man who is masculine, down-to-earth, HIV-, 35-60, nonsmoker preferred. Facial and/or body hair, tall are pluses. Please write BT Box JY123C with a photo or call ★★8368.

You're Waiting For...

The perfect husband to build a life with, with fun times hanging out at the beach, going to movies and cafes, holding hands and moaning passionately in bed. I'm an athletic, masculine, handsome, intelligent and very successful GM, 31, 5'10", 160#, who has had one great LTR already, and is looking to start again. You are someone your friends look up to, has principles, is well-mannered, and is easy to be with. Looks/body are important, too; I especially like blonds and Latinos. A good education and sense of humor have gotten you far. You believe sex is natural and fun, and you secretly love to... (but that's our secret). Inexperienced OK. Call ★★8369.

Mr. Right

Good-looking Black male seeking dinner companions or just great pals. I'm 5'10", 184 lbs. I love country music, quiet dinners, movies. The bar scene is OK, but want to meet someone in good lighting & sober. Here's my checklist. If you answer yes to at least 4 call: HIV-; sense of humor; blond, brunette, redhead; career-oriented; 25-40 yrs. old; aggressive top. Call ★★8370.

Handsome/Masculine/Monogamous

Very good-looking GWM, 32 yrs. old, 5'11", 170 lbs., with brown hair, sexy brown eyes and moustache, work out 5-6 days a week & have a well-built muscular body, HIV healthy. I'm honest, sincere, with a good sense of humor, very romantic, sensual & well-endowed. Looking for someone with the above traits who is good-looking & masculine, between 33-45 yrs. old. Height & weight in proportion. Prefer muscular & well-endowed who is capable of committing to a monogamous relationship. I am the quality man you'd be proud to call your lover and I'm looking for the same. Send photo (returned) to BT Box JY124C or call ★★8371.

Magic This Fall

Available for creation with attractive GWM, very young 44, 5'8", 155#, br/bl, moustache, smooth toned body. Healthy, asymptomatic, positively HIV+. Educated but down-to-earth, with interests ranging from opera to horticulture to exploring the Bay Area. We're sensual, romantic cuddlers, good kissers with talented hands for erotic massage, playful wrestling and ecstatic release. You: GWM, roughly 35-50, attractive, in decent shape with hairy chest/body, emotionally accessible. Reply BT Box JY125C or call ★★8372.

GAM Seeks GAM

Handsome, masculine, successful Chinese American, 32, 5'11", 165 lbs., seeks attractive American-Asian, well-proportioned, under 40, who is nonsmoker, HIV-, sincere, for companion, intimacy and good times. I enjoy traveling, working out, movies, arts, theater, music and romantic evenings. If you are a sincere person, give me a call. Response guaranteed. Call ★★8373.

Different/Depth

Most of these ads seem the same, but this one is different and this is how our life should be. Call me! I'm tired of the ad process and of bars. I'm 52 y.o., HIV+, who wants a friend for in-depth relating, traveling, all cultural things, fitness, walking, hiking and cooking. This could be fun. Call ★★8374.

Positive Positive Positive

Bad virus. Good attitude. Firm opinions. Strong, handsome, healthy, three-piece office type by day, leatherman by night; 38, 5'11", 180#, w/red hair/beard, blue eyes, NS/ND, mostly top, seeks furry, mature, libidinous pervert to share life's pleasures. I find sex easily, am looking for ongoing affection and possible commitment. Aside from lots of fucking, kissing, titplay, perineophagy and explorative S/M, I enjoy opera, R.C. mass, reading, cooking, and movies on the VCR. Adventure is more exciting than similarity, so we may overlap or contrast in any number of ways. Send letter & photo to BT Box JY126C or call ★★8375.

All-American Boy

Romantic, adventurous, lt. brown/brown, 5'9", 145 lbs., very good-looking, 36-year-old, with boyish looks. I'm a well-educated professional with smooth physique and a passionate sexy attitude. If you're 25-40, masculine, sexy, good-looking and stable, call before the summer's gone. Call ★★8376.

"They Say You Can't Look— It Has To Just Happen"

Well, I suppose there's truth in that. But! No one says it's the law. I want to find you and help you find me. I'm tired of the phony smiles & hello how are yous that lead nowhere! I know you're looking for me too. So do something to end this for both of us. I'm here, 37, very handsome, 5'7", 162 lbs., GWM, Southerner through & through. I want you to be equally attractive, head full of hair, under 40 & seriously ready to meet the man you could have a lasting relationship with. I'm not gonna appear at your door! We probably won't ever meeting passing down Castro! Or riding Muni! Don't you think it's time we both took a chance? I'm out here looking for you now. Will you hurry & call me so I can stop meeting all the wrong guys that're keeping us apart. This—my ad—could be the very one you've really wished it'd be. Reply BT Box JY127C or call ★★8377.

Touch Of Class

This sophisticated and somewhat refined, athletic Asian is seeking to meet a similar WM cultivated in the arts of human relationship and exploring our male sexuality through safe sex. We are cleanshaven, nonsmokers, physically active and fit, and have smooth, slender or muscular bodies. Enjoy multi-ethnic cultural arts and foods, workouts, camping, dancing, travel, films and KQED. Stats: 45, youthful (inward and outward), 5'9", 150, HIV-. Call ★★8378.

Sleepless In Noe Valley

If you're tired of being used for a good time and giving until you're emotionally drained—(and)—have finally decided you will compromise, but not settle for less, then read on. I want a very good-looking/handsome GWM, 30-39, under 170 lbs., who wants someone equally attractive to complement each other and serious about having a true and faithful relationship with someone you can count on to stand by you. Sorry to admit it, but I've been burnt too many times. I am a wonderful catch for my special guy. I know you're out there and I'm missing you with all my heart. Let's end our search and count on each other. Time waits for no one. Reply BT Box JY128C or call ★★8379.

"Just To Be Close To You"

Very handsome GAM, 29 yrs. old, 5'8", 140 lbs., blk/brn, versatile, looking for safe sex buddies between 18-40, HIV-, race unimportant. Photo gets immediate reply. Interests: music, arts, theater, classic movies, biking, just to name a few. Reply to J.R., PO Box 6351, Concord 94520. Bi & married dudes, come on, respond, "you won't be sorry." Call ★★8380.

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How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

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